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## COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND

FOR THE YEAR

1904.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM HUMBLE, EARL OF DUDLEY,

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, beg to submit the following General Report of our proceedings during the year 1904.

With the exception of the vacancy caused by the resignation of Right Honorable Mr. Justice Madden, the constitution of our Commission remains the same as it was at the close of 1903, as set forth in our last Report, dated April 23, 1904. The names of the Commissioners are set out, *infra*, Appendix A, No. I., p. 8. Constitution of Commission.

We held six meetings during the year—Ordinary Quarterly Meetings on January 21, April 23, July 21, and October 13, and Special Meetings on February 12 and May 13. The Special Meeting held in February was summoned for the purpose of authorising the sale of certain Stock standing in the names of the Commissioners, while the necessity for holding a meeting in May arose through the resignation of our late Secretary, Mr. N. D. Murphy. At the meeting of January 21 we elected Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D., to be our Chairman, and Right Rev. Monsignor Molloy, D.D., D.Sc., to be our Vice-Chairman for the year. A Table of the attendances of the Commissioners is given *infra*, Appendix A, No. III., p. 9. Meetings and Attendances.

The Standing Committee held nineteen meetings during the year. Twenty meetings were summoned, but one fell through, that of August, 25, 1904, as only one Commissioner attended. In Appendix A, No. IV., is given a Table of attendances of the Standing Committee. The names of those Commissioners who constitute the Standing Committee are given, Appendix A, No. II., p. 8. Standing Committee.

In May, 1904, as referred to above, we received the resignation of our late Secretary, Mr. N. D. Murphy, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, who, as the result of a long and serious illness, found himself unable to resume his official duties. This resignation we accepted with deep regret. During his period of office, which dated from January, 1893, Mr. Murphy rendered much valuable assistance to the Commissioners; we desire to place on record our high appreciation of his services; and we take this, the first public opportunity, of giving our unanimous testimony to Mr. Murphy's ability, attention, tact, and judgment as our officer. Office Staff.

At our meeting held on May, 19, 1904, we promoted to the vacant Secretaryship Mr. Stanislaus Murphy, LL.B., Barrister-at-Law, who had served the Board for six years, first as Clerk, and afterwards, during the illness of Mr. N. D. Murphy, as Acting-Secretary. To the Clerkship rendered vacant by the promotion of Mr. Stanislaus Murphy we appointed Mr. Arthur E. Black, who had already rendered us satisfactory service in a temporary capacity.

**Accounts.**—In Appendix B, *infra*, pp. 10–20, we give Summaries of our Audited Accounts, together with the Report of the Local Government Board Auditor.

**Receipts.** The following is a Summary of the Income Side of our Account—

ACCOUNTS.	INCOME—1904.				Net Credit Balance January 1, 1904.	Gross Total.
	Rents.	Dividends.	Endowments.	Total Income.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	3,019 13 0½	1,414 11 8	42 13 1	4,476 17 9½	738 7 6	5,205 5 3½
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds."	—	145 1 10	7 10 0	153 11 10	94 6 0	247 15 10
Other Endowments.	1,193 8 10	618 18 5	218 11 11	2,009 19 2	702 6 5½	2,763 5 7½
Total.	4,213 1 10½	2,179 11 11	298 15 0	6,691 5 8½	1,534 17 11½	8,216 6 9

**Expenditure.** Subjoined we give, in Summary, a Table of Expenditure:—

ACCOUNTS.	EXPENDITURE—1904.				Net Credit Balance December 31, 1904.	Gross Total.
	Rents, Rates, and other outgoings.	Percentage of Endowed Masters' Annuities.	Distribution for Educational Purposes.	Total Expenditure.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	705 16 7	739 12 13	13,089 0 0	4,484 10 8	720 14 7½	5,205 5 3½
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds."	—	—	185 17 3	185 17 3	61 18 7	247 15 10
Other Endowments.	317 10 0	93 5 7	1,425 19 0	2,041 14 7	721 11 0½	2,763 5 7½
Total.	1,023 8 7	834 17 8	14,853 16 3	6,712 2 6	1,504 4 8	8,216 6 9

**Comparison.** Compared with the year 1903 our income from all sources shows an increase of £650. It will be remembered that in our last Report, commenting on the shrinkage of income under the heading "Other Endowments," we stated "that the tenants on one of our Estates for various reasons delayed a considerable time in paying their rents." Those rents have since been collected, with the result that, owing to our increased revenue, we have been able during the past year to devote to Educational Purposes, under the heading "Other Endowments," a sum of practically £1,629 as compared with £863 in the previous one, the shortage of 1903 being thus, as we anticipated in the Report for that year, compensated for by the larger payments of 1904.

**Balances.** Our Total Expenditure for the year exceeded our Gross Income by £20, and the sum total of our net credit balances on December 31, 1904, was accordingly less by that amount than the sum total shown on the corresponding date of the previous year.

**Capital.** Our Capital Stock Accounts were decreased during the year by the sale of £550 Midland Great Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock, and £949 Midland Great Western Railway 4 per cent. Rent Charge. On the other hand, the amount of Bank of Ireland Stock held by the Commissioners was increased during the year by the purchase of £95 9s 5d. of that Stock. Both these transactions were effected on behalf of the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education, the Stock sold and the cash invested representing portion of the "Building Fund" of that Board.

The Schools sharing in these Endowments continue to be conducted in a satisfactory manner. The numbers in attendance, the efficiency of the teaching, and the state of the School premises are, on the whole, creditable.

Ulster Royal School Endowments.

Numbers.

The total number on the School Rolls for the year 1903-04 is practically the same as that for the year 1902-03, the returns showing a total of 669 in September, 1904, as against 671 in September, 1903. The most notable increases in individual School Rolls are as follows:—St. Patrick's College, Armagh, 10; St. Michael's College, Enniskillen, 7; and St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny, 6. The largest reductions have taken place in Royal School, Raphoe, Royal School, Dungannon, and St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, the School Rolls of which show diminutions of 13, 11, and 4 respectively. The number of competitors at the Intermediate Examinations is also somewhat less than that of last year—the figures being 396 in 1904 as against 401 in 1903.

Efficiency.

The standard of efficiency, as tested by the Intermediate Examinations, is highly creditable, and shows a marked improvement on that of the previous year. In 1903 the percentage of Passes was 65·8, while in 1904 it rose to 69·4. The Schools, compared with those of Ireland as a whole, have more than maintained their previous favourable record, the general result for Ireland being a percentage of 62·8 successes, as against the percentage of 69·4 successes, mentioned above, scored by the Schools.

The general results for the whole country and the special results for the Ulster Schools were represented in 1903 by the figures 60·7 and 65·8 respectively. It will thus be seen that both relatively and absolutely the Schools under the management of the Local Boards of Education have considerably improved their position.

School Premises.

The School Buildings, are, speaking generally, sufficient and well maintained. The one exception (St. Eunan's Letterkenny) to which we referred in previous Reports, still exists, but we are glad to be able to report that the good intention to improve matters has now become an act, and that the Local Authorities are at present erecting fine School Premises in Letterkenny.

"Qualified Schools."

We are satisfied that all the Schools (now eleven in number) selected by the Local Boards of Education have fulfilled the conditions prescribed by the Scheme to qualify them to share in the Endowments of their respective districts. We accepted as evidence of this qualification the certificate of our Secretary, who, as Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, visited each of the Schools in September, 1904. In Appendix C, *infra*, pp. 21-25, will be found the Inspector's Report, and we beg to refer to this document for full particulars with regard to numbers in attendance, educational efficiency, and state of School Premises.

Local Boards.

We, print, *infra*, pp. 27-40, the Annual Reports of the Local Boards of Education. The amount distributed between those Boards for the benefit of their respective School Districts, was £3,039, allocated as follows:—Armagh, £500; Cavan, £219; Donegal, £208; Fermanagh, £909; and Tyrone, £1,203.

We paid, in addition, the sum of £62 3s. 8d. to Cavan Roman Catholic Board and £92 1s. 5d. to Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board, being interest on their respective Building Funds; and we also paid small amounts to Fermanagh Protestant Board, being rent for "Portora Point" and to Tyrone Protestant Board, being interest on current account.

In accordance with the provisions of the Amending Scheme framed by the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests we paid during the year to the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board the sum of £2,000 in respect of their new School Premises in Enniskillen. This sum represents portion of the "Building Fund" of the Local Board, the income derivable from which will accordingly be reduced in future by about £60 a year.

Other Endowments

*Preston Endowment.*—The income of this Endowment was £1,217 4s. 5d. for 1904, as compared with £210 14s. 10d. for 1903. This substantial increase is partly due to the fact that a large accumulation of arrears due on the Rental for 1903 was collected during the past year, as already mentioned, and partly to the receipt of £237 realised in the course of Chancery proceedings taken in connection with the affairs of a former Agent of the Estate. The net income available for educational purposes, which amounted to £978 15s. 3d., was apportioned to the several Schools having claims on the Endowment, as follows:—Preston School, Navan, £459 15s. 3d.; Preston School, Abbeylax, £328 8s. 0d.; and King's Hospital, Oxnastown, £190 12s. 0d. In addition, we paid to Preston School, Navan, and Preston School, Abbeylax, the interest on their separate funded endowments, amounting to £98 2s. 9d. and £82 18s. 4d., respectively.

*Preston School, Navan.*—The number of pupils in attendance at this School is similar to that for the previous year—namely, twenty-one. The Lord Lieutenant's Inspector describes the condition of the School as "satisfactory."

*Preston School, Abbeyfeix.*—The remarks made in our last Report as to the little interest taken in the School by some of the members of the Local Board, and as to the comparatively poor Attendance Roll, still hold good, although we are glad to be able to chronicle a slight improvement in the latter—the number of pupils having increased by two. For full particulars as to the efficiency of the School, &c., we beg to refer to the Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, set forth *infra*, p. 26.

*Carysfort Endowment.*—Under the Scheme five Schools are eligible to share in this Endowment, and during the year we apportioned £85 to Schools under Protestant management, and a like sum to Schools under Roman Catholic management, the total amount available being £110.

The reports of the National Board Inspector on the various Schools are, with one exception, creditable to both Managers and Teachers. To this one exception we have called the attention of the Manager responsible, pointing out that, according to the Official Report, both the educational efficiency of the School and the state of the School Premises leave much to be desired.

*The Leamy Endowment, Limerick.*—During the year we distributed between the Leamy Local Boards of Education the sum of £200 19s. 6d. The two Schools sharing in the Endowment continue to be conducted in a satisfactory manner, as shown by the Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, which is given *infra*, p. 26.

*The Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk.*—Two Schools established their claim to share in this Endowment, namely:—St. Mary's College, Dundalk, for fourteen pupils; and the Educational Institution, Dundalk, for twenty pupils. We divided the sum of £52 16s. 10d. amongst them, in proportion to those numbers.

*Baul's Endowment, Eyrecoourt.*—The Trustees of this Endowment again failed to submit a plan for its application, and having consulted the Manager of Eyrecoourt National School, in accordance with Sec. 6 of Scheme No. 128, we decided to continue the application of the funds to the same purpose to which they had been applied in the two preceding years—viz., to the teaching of such technical subjects as Shirt-making, Knitting, &c., in that School. The sum available was £15 4s. 9d., and the National Board Inspector reports that "Needlework is good, and showing careful attention."

*The Diocesan School Endowments.*—As previously reported, our plan for the distribution of these Endowments consists in applying the money each year as Prizes, to be devoted to the payment of fees for the year next following of pupils from Intermediate Schools in the several districts who shall have most successfully passed the Examinations of the Intermediate Education Board in the Preparatory Grade. Based on such plan, and in accordance with the Results of the Intermediate Examinations (1904), we paid, as prizes, £12 to pupils attending Schools in the Diocese of Leighlin and Ossory, £26 to pupils attending Schools in the Dioceses of Meath and Ardagh, and £28 to pupils attending Schools in the Dioceses of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry.

*Arne Hall Endowment.*—The income of this Endowment, amounting to £23, has been applied to carrying out much-needed repairs on Lattone National School. The School premises are now in a satisfactory condition, and we are at present in correspondence with the Manager as to the future application of the Endowment.

*Limerick Diocesan School Endowment.*—The income of this Endowment, which consists of the rent of Roxboro' Road School premises, and dividends on £63 1s. 6d. Government Stock, continues to accumulate in our hands.



## ESTATE MANAGEMENT.

In Appendix B, IV. and V., pp. 18-19, we give Summaries of our Rentals for the years 1902-1903, together with our Agents' Accounts for the corresponding periods. Rentals and Accounts.

The years' Rentals have decreased from £3,693 to £3,583. Reductions amounting to £26 have been caused by the fixing of rents under the Land Acts, but as a set-off to this diminution, one of our Bog Rentals shows an increase of £16, so that the net reduction amounts only to £10.

Our gross arrears at the date of rendering the Accounts stood at £2,606, as compared with £2,449 in the previous year, but it is fair to our Agents to say that a considerable portion of these arrears has since been collected.

Throughout the year we have been in correspondence with the tenants on our various Estates as to the proposed purchase by them of their holdings under the Irish Land Act, 1903, but, so far, no sales have been effected, the terms offered by them being, in our opinion, inadequate.

All which we have the honour to submit to your Excellency as our Report in the premises.

Sealed with our Common Seal at a Meeting held  
this 13th day of April, 1905, and forwarded  
for submission to Your Excellency on the  
same date.

Present when the Seal was affixed—

GERALD MOLLOY, *Chairman*.  
ANTHONY TRAILL.  
H. B. WILSON.  
W. R. COONEY.  
J. DENHAM OSBORNE.  
JAMES C. MACGINLEY.  
J. M. HAMILTON.  
✠ ROBERT BROWNE.

Commissioners.

STANISLAUS MURPHY,  
*Secretary*.

## APPENDIX A

## No. I.

## THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND, 1904.

## I. APPOINTED BY THE LORD LIEUTENANT:

1. Right Rev. Monsignor Melley, D.D., D.Sc., Vice-Chairman.
2. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloghan.
3. Rev. J. W. R. Campbell, M.A.
4. His Honor Judge Carton.
5. Sir Francis R. Cruise, M.D., D.L.
6. Rev. J. M. Hamilton, D.D., A.M.
7. Rev. J. Denham Osborne, M.A.
8. W. J. M. Starkie, Esq., M.A., Litt D., Resident Commissioner of National Education.
9. R. Y. Tyrrell, Esq., LL.B., F.T.C.D.

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## II. ELECTED BY THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION:

11. Sir James H. Stange, Bart., D.L., Armagh Protestant Board.
12. Very Rev. M. Canon Coyne, P.P., Armagh Roman Catholic Board.
13. Anthony Trill, Esq., LL.D., M.D., Provost, T.C.D., Cavan Protestant Board.
14. His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, Cavan Roman Catholic Board.
15. His Honor Judge Craig, Donegal Protestant Board.
16. Very Rev. James C. MacGinley, Donegal Roman Catholic Board.
17. W. R. Cooney, Esq., J.P., Fermanagh Protestant Board.
18. Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board.
19. Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D., Tyrone Protestant Board, Chairman.
20. Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.O., Tyrone Roman Catholic Board.

## No. II.

## THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

- |                       |               |                              |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1. The Chairman,      | } as-official | 6. Rev. J. Denham Osborne.   |
| 2. The Vice-Chairman, |               | 7. Very Rev. Dean MacGinley. |
| 3. Rev. Mr. Campbell. |               | 8. Dr. Starkie.              |
| 4. Judge Carton.      |               | 9. Dr. Trill.                |
| 5. Judge Craig        |               | *10.                         |

\*Vacancy caused by resignation of Right Hon. Mr Justice Madden.

## No. III.

## ATTENDANCE ROLL OF THE COMMISSIONERS, 1904.

NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS.	DAYS OF MEETINGS.						Total.
	January 11.	February 11. Special.	April 11.	May 11. Special.	July 11.	October 11.	
Wilson, Rev. Dr., Chairman.	1	1	1	1	1	-	6
Hollog, Manager, Vice-Chairman.	1	-	1	-	1	1	4
Brown, Mari Rev. Dr.	-	-	1	-	1	1	3
Byrne, Manager.	1	-	1	1	1	1	5
Campbell, Rev. Mr.	1	1	-	-	-	1	3
Carton, Judge.	1	1	-	1	1	-	4
Conway, W. R.	1	-	1	1	1	1	5
Coyle, Very Rev. Canon.	1	-	1	1	1	1	5
Craig, Judge.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Crispin, Sir Francis.	1	-	-	1	-	-	3
Hamilton, Rev. Dr.	1	1	1	-	1	-	4
MacIntyre, Very Rev. Dean.	1	-	1	1	1	1	5
McGowan, Rev. J. D.	1	1	1	1	-	1	5
Owen, Mari Rev. Dr.	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Starkie, Dr.	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
Strang, Sir James.	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Treill, Dr.	1	-	1	1	1	1	5
Tyrell, Dr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wick, Most Rev. Dr.	1	-	-	-	-	1	2

## No. IV.

## ATTENDANCE ROLL OF STANDING COMMITTEE, 1904.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS SUMMONED DURING THE YEAR—20.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THE YEAR—19.

NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS.	Dates of Meetings.												Total.
	January 11.	February 11.	March 1.	March 11.	April 1.	April 11.	May 11.	May 21.	June 1.	June 11.	July 11.	August 11.	
Wilson, Rev. Dr., Chairman.	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	10
Hollog, Manager, Vice-Chairman.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Campbell, Rev. Mr.	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Carton, Judge.	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	5
Craig, Judge.	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	6
MacIntyre, Very Rev. Dean.	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	7
McGowan, Rev. J. D.	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	9
Starkie, Dr.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Treill, Dr.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3

\*No quorum; only one Commissioner attended.

## THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

## APPENDIX B.—

## No. I.—SUMMARY OF

Dr.

Made up to

TITLE OF ACCOUNT.		—
		£ s. d.
To Armagh Royal School Endowment—Capital,	.	145 1 0
" Armagh Royal School Endowment—Income,	.	76 2 6½
" Armagh Protestant Board, . . . . .	.	138 6 9
" Cavan Estate, Sale, . . . . .	.	44 3 5
" Cavan Protestant Board, Loan Account, . . . . .	.	485 16 3
" Donegal Estate, Sale, . . . . .	.	11 5 4
" Donegal Protestant Board, . . . . .	.	21 19 8
" Fermanagh Protestant Board—Income, . . . . .	.	6 8 0
" Fermanagh Protestant Board—Capital, . . . . .	.	650 0 0
" Dungannon Estate, Loan, . . . . .	.	25 16 0
" Fermanagh Estate, Sale, . . . . .	.	136 14 0
" Leamy Roman Catholic Board, . . . . .	.	2 19 11½
" Ulster Bank, . . . . .	.	962 6 11
" Agents' Accounts, . . . . .	.	686 0 7½
Total, . . . . .		
		£3,443 0 5½

IN IRELAND, 6 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

## ACCOUNTS.

## CASH ACCOUNTS.

December 31st, 1904.

Cr.

TITLE OF ACCOUNT.		—		
		£	s.	d.
By Cavan Royal School Endowment—Capital,		485	16	3
„ Cavan Royal School Endowment—Income,		112	4	6½
„ Cavan Roman Catholic Board,		30	19	2
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment—Capital,		0	11	6
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment—Income,		107	6	10
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment—Capital,		145	1	0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment—Income,		424	14	2
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Capital,		600	0	0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Income,		28	9	5
„ Danganooch Royal School Endowment—Income,		152	11	8½
„ Tyrone Protestant Board,		2	10	0
„ Preston (Navan) Income,		233	8	4
„ Preston (Queen's Co.) Income,		174	1	11½
„ Leamy Endowment,		97	10	6½
„ Leamy Protestant Board—Capital,		2	18	0
„ Leamy Protestant Board—Income,		24	9	4½
„ Limerick Diocesan School,		241	6	7
„ Leighlin and Ousey Diocesan School,		9	8	2
„ Moath and Ardhg Diocesan School,		23	7	9
„ Tuam, Killalea, and Achoury Diocesan School,		28	6	6
„ Athlone Private School,		2	1	0
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecoast,		8	12	0
„ Reps R. Owen,		17	5	9
„ Preston School Scholarship, Abbeyleix,		18	2	11
„ Vincent Limerick Endowment,		53	2	2
„ Banagher Royal School Endowment,		83	10	9½
„ Carysfort Royal School Endowment,		71	4	2
„ Outstanding Orders,		184	13	11
„ Blue Coat Hospital,		59	6	1
Total,		23,443	0	5½

## THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

No. 11.—STOCK

*Dr.*

Made up to

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITY.	—	
<i>Government 2½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock :—</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	
To Commissioners of Education, "Account A," . . . . .	14,136	13 6
" Do. do, (formerly collateral with Bank of Ireland), . . . . .	2,000	0 0
" Do. do, "Account B," . . . . .	164	2 10
" Accountant-General, Credit of Commissioners and Great Southern and Western Railway Company, . . . . .	903	19 3
" Bishop of Clonfert, and others, and Commissioners, . . . . .	440	6 9
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	17,708	1 3
To Canada 3 per cent. Stock, . . . . .	498	16 2
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &amp;c. :—</i>		
To Midland Great Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture, . . . . .	3,334	0 0
	3,334	0 0
Do. do. 4½ per cent. Debenture, . . . . .	821	0 0
Do. do. 4 per cent. Rent Charge, . . . . .	2,923	0 0
	2,923	0 0

## IN IRELAND, 6 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

## MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT.

December 31st, 1904.

Or

TITLE OF ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT, &c.		—
<i>Government 2½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock:—</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>
By Queen Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		3,095 11 3
„ Queen Roman Catholic Board, . . . . .		2,667 11 3
„ Caryfort Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		1,313 11 10
„ Preston (Navan) Endowment, . . . . .		3,514 11 4
„ Preston (Queen's County) Endowment, . . . . .		3,476 6 0
„ Limerick Diocesan School, . . . . .		63 1 3
„ Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School, . . . . .		356 12 7
„ Meath and Ardagh do. do. . . . .		835 8 3
„ Tuam, Killele, and Achonry do. do. . . . .		853 2 9
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecoort, . . . . .		78 15 9
„ Do. do. . . . .		440 6 9
„ Athlone Private School, . . . . .		184 2 10
„ Preston General Endowment, . . . . .		908 19 2
		<hr/> 17,705 1 3
„ Preston School, Navan, . . . . .		<hr/> 498 16 2
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &amp;c.:—</i>		
By Leamy Endowment, . . . . .		3,189 0 0
„ Leamy Protestant Board, . . . . .		129 0 0
„ Fernanagh Roman Catholic Board, . . . . .		25 0 0
		<hr/> 3,334 0 0
„ Leamy Protestant Board, . . . . .		500 0 0
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecoort, . . . . .		65 0 0
„ Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School, . . . . .		46 0 0
„ Meath and Ardagh do. do. . . . .		103 0 0
„ Tuam, Killele, and Achonry do. do. . . . .		107 0 0
		<hr/> 821 0 0
„ Leamy Endowment, . . . . .		1,106 0 0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		1,417 0 0
„ Fernanagh Roman Catholic Board, . . . . .		400 0 0
		<hr/> 2,923 0 0

Dr.

No. II.—STOCK

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITY.	—
<i>Railway Debenture Stock, &amp;c. :—</i>	£ s. d.
To Great Southern and Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture, . . .	1,611 0 0
	1,611 0 0
To Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway 4 per cent. Debenture, . . .	741 0 0
" Do. do. 4½ per cent. do. . . . .	300 0 0
" Cork and Macroom 4 per cent. Debenture, . . . . .	1,000 0 0
" Donegal Railway 5 per cent. Debenture, . . . . .	450 0 0
	450 0 0
To Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Debenture; . . . . .	2,447 0 0
	2,447 0 0
" Cork and Brandon 4 per cent. Debenture, . . . . .	2,667 0 0
	2,667 0 0
" Guaranteed Land Stock, . . . . .	34,484 18 4
" Do do. (Guarantee Deposits), . . . . .	5,088 0 0
	39,572 18 4
Bank of Ireland Stock, . . . . .	236 18 11



## MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT—continued.

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TITLE OF ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT, &c.		—
<i>Railway Debenture Stock &amp;c.—</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>
By Leamy Endowment, . . . . .		1,390 0 0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment, . . . . .		22 0 0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		132 0 0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board, . . . . .		199 0 0
„ Dungannon Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		8 0 0
		<hr/> 1,611 0 0
„ Leamy Endowment, . . . . .		741 0 0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		200 0 0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		<hr/> 1,000 0 0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		207 0 0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board, . . . . .		132 0 0
„ Carysfort Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		36 0 0
„ Leighlin and Ousey Endowment, . . . . .		17 0 0
„ Meath and Aringh Endowment, . . . . .		18 0 0
„ Tuam, Killa, and Achery Endowment, . . . . .		40 0 0
		<hr/> 450 0 0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		2,300 0 0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment, . . . . .		147 0 0
		<hr/> 2,447 0 0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		1,087 0 0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		900 0 0
		<hr/> 2,667 0 0
„ Curran Estate Sale, . . . . .		7,594 18 6
„ Donegal Estate Sale, . . . . .		11 0 0
„ Fermanagh Estate Sale, . . . . .		26,948 19 10
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		1,912 0 0
„ Curran Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		187 0 0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment, . . . . .		2,989 0 0
		<hr/> 38,672 18 4
„ Preston School Scholarship, Abbeykeix, . . . . .		291 9 6
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board, . . . . .		35 9 5
		<hr/> 236 18 11

## APPENDIX B.—

## No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

## 1 (a).—THE ULSTER ROYAL

Name of Endowment.	Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1902.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balance, Dec. 31, 1903.	TOTAL.	Debit Balance, Dec. 31, 1903.
		Rents.	Dividends.	Other Payments.	Total Receipts.			
Armagh Royal School. . . .	—	116 15 3½	—	810 0	1,126 15 11	79 3 6½	1,205 15 5½	6 15 6½
Cavan Royal School. . . .	106 15 3½	—	375 15 30	15 7 4	591 5 2	—	697 15 5½	—
Drogheda Royal School. . . .	40 12 1	80 0 0	175 15 6	1 3 4	356 15 5	—	436 11 4	—
Enniskillen Royal School. . . .	485 1 1¼	65 5 30	903 15 2	12 6 1	1,561 15 2	—	1,645 15 1½	—
Dungannon Royal School. . . .	25 12 6½	1,790 3 3½	0 0 0	0 0 0	1,790 15 3½	—	1,815 0 4	—
Total. . . . .	757 6 5½	2,325 15 5½	1,551 15 0	815 1 1	4,692 17 5½	79 3 6½	4,771 2 5½	6 15 6½

## 1 (b).—THE ULSTER LOCAL

Name of Local Board.	Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1902.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balance, Dec. 31, 1903.	Total.	Debit Balance, December 31, 1903.
		Dischargeable Share of Endowment.	Dividends, &c., on Sinking Funds, &c.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.			
Armagh Protestant. . . .	—	300 0 0	—	—	300 0 0	125 0 0	325 0 0	37 0 0
Armagh Roman Catholic. . . .	—	250 0 0	—	—	250 0 0	—	250 0 0	—
Cavan Protestant. . . .	—	120 10 0	—	—	120 10 0	—	120 10 0	—
Cavan Roman Catholic. . . .	31 1 10	185 10 0	62 1 0	—	278 11 0	—	309 11 0	—
Drogheda Protestant. . . .	—	150 0 0	—	14 15 4	164 15 4	21 15 2	183 0 0	21 15 2
Drogheda Roman Catholic. . . .	—	100 0 0	—	—	100 0 0	—	100 0 0	—
Fermanagh Protestant. . . .	—	450 10 0	—	5 0 0	455 10 0	6 0 0	461 10 0	9 0 0
Fermanagh Roman Catholic. . . .	65 0 0	600 10 0	14 0 10	—	1,279 10 10	—	1,344 10 10	—
Tyrone Protestant. . . .	1 15 0	500 10 0	—	5 10 0	506 15 0	—	511 15 0	—
Tyrone Roman Catholic. . . .	—	600 10 0	—	—	600 10 0	—	600 10 0	—
Total. . . . .	96 17 0	2,425 0 0	186 1 10	22 0 4	2,629 2 0	262 15 4	2,891 15 1	186 12 0

## ACCOUNTS.

## EXPENDITURE, 1904.

## SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

## DISCHARGE.

Ch.

EXPENDITURE.						Credit Balance, Dec. 31, 1904.	TOTAL.	Name of Endowment.			
On Estate, Endowment, &c.			Amounts Disallowed between Local Boards.	Total Expenditure.							
Revs. Taxes, &c.	Agency Charges, and other Payments.	Related Masters' Allowances.									
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
153 3 31	199 1 0	476 15 4	699 0 0	1,219 0 3	—	1,219 17 5		Armagh Royal School.			
—	8 2 2	93 8 1	218 0 0	597 10 4	117 4 5	299 14 9		Corran Royal School.			
5 2 3	13 2 2	—	295 0 0	305 4 6	167 6 20	322 11 4		Maghera Royal School.			
3 13 4	51 8 8	118 0 7	303 0 0	1,049 0 11	434 14 8	1,473 15 1		East-William Royal School.			
229 8 11	234 8 7	59 8 1	1,203 0 0	2,705 14 7	187 11 6	1,490 0 4		Dungannon Royal School.			
290 6 4	432 12 1	729 12 1	3,029 0 0	4,464 10 8	796 17 3	2,299 3 6		Total.			

## BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

## DISCHARGE.

Ch.

CREDITS.				Credit Balance, December 31, 1904.	Total.	Name of Local Board.
Revs. &c. due by Local Boards.	Income of Building Funds paid.	Net Amount of Share of Endowment.	Total Credits.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
228 0 0	—	—	228 0 0	—	228 0 0	Armagh Protestant.
—	—	550 0 0	550 0 0	—	550 0 0	Armagh Roman Catholic.
—	—	109 10 0	109 10 0	—	109 10 0	Corran Protestant.
—	62 3 6	148 18 0	211 12 0	30 10 1	249 22 10	Corran Roman Catholic.
62 0 0	—	50 30 4	108 16 4	—	108 16 4	Dungannon Protestant.
—	—	104 0 0	104 0 0	—	104 0 0	Dungannon Roman Catholic.
30 10 1	—	415 20 4	445 11 5	—	445 11 5	Fermoy Protestant.
75 12 3	51 1 8	474 10 0	523 3 7	20 6 0	601 12 0	Fermoy Roman Catholic.
—	—	600 3 0	600 3 0	2 10 0	602 13 0	Ypsaw Protestant.
17 0 3	—	154 7 0	171 7 3	—	171 7 3	Ypsaw Roman Catholic.
343 0 0	151 5 1	2,995 7 3	3,389 3 10	65 15 7	2,449 18 1	Total.

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## APPENDIX B.—

## No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

## 2.—OTHER ROYAL SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE ENDOWMENTS

Dr. CHARGE.

NAME OF ENDOWMENT	Credit Balance, December, 1902.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balance, December 31, 1903.	Total
		Grants.	Dividends	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.		
Donaghry Royal School, . . .	£ s. d. 300 10 10	£ s. d. 55 4 2	—	£ s. d. 1 3 4	£ s. d. 56 7 6	—	£ s. d. 356 18 40
*Claymont Royal School, . . .	£ s. d. 48 12 4	£ s. d. 111 10 8	£ s. d. 30 6 5	£ s. d. 0 8 0	£ s. d. 142 4 3	—	£ s. d. 259 16 18
Adkins Private School, . . .	£ s. d. 7 1 3	—	£ s. d. 4 2 4	—	£ s. d. 4 2 4	—	£ s. d. 11 3 7
Banks Endowment, Tyrone, . . .	£ s. d. 8 12 6	—	£ s. d. 18 10 6	—	£ s. d. 18 10 6	—	£ s. d. 26 2 2
Leamy Endowment, Limerick, . . .	£ s. d. 30 7 2	—	£ s. d. 330 17 8	£ s. d. 1 3 4	£ s. d. 368 0 0	—	£ s. d. 398 7 11
Leamy Protestant Board of Education, . . .	—	—	£ s. d. 35 16 10	—	£ s. d. 35 16 10	—	£ s. d. 35 16 10
Triston Endowment (General), . . .	—	£ s. d. 300 3 8	£ s. d. 36 35 2	£ s. d. 120 25 7	£ s. d. 517 4 8	—	£ s. d. 817 4 8
Triston School, Mayo, . . .	£ s. d. 69 1 5	—	£ s. d. 31 10 4	£ s. d. 1 3 4	£ s. d. 39 1 8	—	£ s. d. 108 2 3
Triston, Queen's County, Endowment, . . .	£ s. d. 41 9 2	—	£ s. d. 82 16 10	£ s. d. 0 7 9	£ s. d. 83 2 7	—	£ s. d. 124 11 9
Triston Scholarship, . . .	£ s. d. 16 9 8	—	£ s. d. 33 22 8	—	£ s. d. 33 12 8	—	£ s. d. 50 2 11
Vicount Limerick Endowment, Deadhall, . . .	£ s. d. 22 15 3	£ s. d. 68 8 0	£ s. d. 8 8 6	£ s. d. 0 7 8	£ s. d. 88 10 0	—	£ s. d. 110 15 0
West and Ardagh Bessan School Fund, . . .	£ s. d. 54 7 10	—	£ s. d. 34 15 2	£ s. d. 8 7 0	£ s. d. 39 3 11	—	£ s. d. 93 7 9
Leighlin and Geary do., . . .	£ s. d. 18 5 8	—	£ s. d. 11 4 8	—	£ s. d. 31 4 8	—	£ s. d. 50 0 0
Limerick do., . . .	£ s. d. 226 15 6	£ s. d. 30 0 0	£ s. d. 1 9 10	£ s. d. 3 2 3	£ s. d. 34 10 1	—	£ s. d. 261 5 7
Tulla, do., do., . . .	£ s. d. 29 5 0	—	£ s. d. 26 18 8	£ s. d. 0 7 10	£ s. d. 26 16 5	—	£ s. d. 55 6 8
<b>Totals, . . .</b>	<b>£ s. d. 738 19 6</b>	<b>£ s. d. 1,181 5 10</b>	<b>£ s. d. 618 28 4</b>	<b>£ s. d. 205 12 11</b>	<b>£ s. d. 2,000 10 2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£ s. d. 2,784 9 16</b>

\* From September 30, 1903, to September 30, 1904.

## No. IV.—SUMMARY RENTAL FOR YEAR TO SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER, 1903.

NAME OF ESTATE.	RENTALS, 1902.				
	Arrears, 1902.	Rent, 1902.	Total.	Collected, 1903.	Arrears, 1903.
Armagh, . . .	£ s. d. 15 30 2	£ s. d. 300 15 3	£ s. d. 315 5 30	£ s. d. 305 11 0	£ s. d. 10 44 10
Tyrone, . . .	£ s. d. 1,890 8 6	£ s. d. 1,007 6 10	£ s. d. 2,897 5 8	£ s. d. 1,870 8 6	£ s. d. 1,026 2 8
Do. Bog, . . .	£ s. d. 145 10 0	£ s. d. 127 7 8	£ s. d. 272 17 8	£ s. d. 235 16 11	£ s. d. 36 1 7
Cavan, . . .	£ s. d. 14 8 8	£ s. d. 155 4 0	£ s. d. 169 12 11	£ s. d. 77 11 9	£ s. d. 92 0
Cappaloughlin, . . .	£ s. d. 308 12 40	£ s. d. 328 0 8	£ s. d. 1,386 4 40	£ s. d. 630 0 1	£ s. d. 611 12 11
Donaghry, . . .	£ s. d. 200	£ s. d. 155 5 8	£ s. d. 355 5 8	£ s. d. 185 8 8	£ s. d. 200
<b>Totals, . . .</b>	<b>£ s. d. 2,465 5 9</b>	<b>£ s. d. 2,685 4 8</b>	<b>£ s. d. 6,132 15 4</b>	<b>£ s. d. 3,025 16 10</b>	<b>£ s. d. 2,606 15 7</b>

## ACCOUNTS

## EXPENDITURE—(continued).

## AND THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FUNDS.

## DISCHARGE.

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Twice Balance, December 31, 1903.	EXPENDITURE.					Credit Balance, December, 1904.	Total.	NAME OF ENDOWMENT.
	On Excheq. Ac.		Educational.	Total Expenditure.				
	Repts. Ac.	Other Expenditure.						
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
— 0	12 6 6	120 1 3	—	132 7 7	38 13 6†	365 18 46		Banagher Royal School.
—	0 0 1	32 1 18	118 0 0	149 7 11	44 5 11	193 38 18		Caryfort Royal School.
—	—	—	6 2 1	6 2 1	2 1 0	6 2 1		Athlone Private School.
—	0 8 9	—	25 4 9	25 13 6	5 12 0	36 2 6		Dunke Endowment, Rynecourt.
—	43 0 8	6 9 3	375 2 2	424 17 5	87 18 0	512 7 13		Leamy Endowment, Rinnacork.
—	—	2 8 0	21 13 20	23 30 18	—	23 13 20		Leamy Protestant Board of Education.
51 4 1	120 12 8	66 12 5	876 15 3	1,063 0 4	—	1,947 4 5		Proton Endowment (General).
—	—	—	95 2 9	95 2 9	20 8 4	145 3 1		Proton School, Nynan.
—	—	—	53 15 4	53 15 4	41 12 6	154 11 9		Proton, Queen's County, Endowments.
—	—	—	50 0 0	50 0 0	18 2 10	35 2 11		Proton Scholarship.
—	—	—	51 16 30	52 16 30	55 2 8	158 20 8		Thomson Librarian's Endowment, Dunsink.
—	—	—	25 9 8	25 9 8	22 7 9	48 7 0		Meth and Arden's Diocesan School Fund.
—	—	—	12 0 8	12 0 8	9 2 3	21 2 2		Loughlin and O'Connor do.
—	—	—	—	—	252 8 7	252 8 7		Lemercik do.
—	—	—	26 0 0	26 0 0	25 0 8	51 0 8		Town, do. do.
31 4 2	155 5 13	229 13 9	1,686 19 0	2,081 16 7	721 11 6†	2,799 0 3†		Totals.

† Including £38 8s. 7d., retiring annuity of late Head Master.

## No. V.—SUMMARY OF AGENTS' ACCOUNTS, MAY, 1903, TO MAY, 1904.

Name of Estate.	Balance, 1903.	Receipts, 1903-1904.	Total.	Payments, 1903-1904.	Ledged, 1903-1904.	Balance, 1904.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh, . . . . .	34 4 4†	367 11 1	1,811 18 3†	329 2 12	820 0 0	312 12 6†
Tyrone, . . . . .	126 12 0	1,686 5 4†	1,629 18 3†	686 7 6†	1,508 0 0	315 11 8
Caryfort, . . . . .	NIL	82 12 8	35 11 9	34 5 0	48 8 8	NIL
Cappalonghin, . . . . .	256 17 13	738 0 3	968 13 1	751 2 8	680 0 0	125 9 8
Banagher, . . . . .	286 13 6†	176 12 0	377 7 3†	119 12 7	NIL	266 13 6†
Totals, . . . . .	664 2 2	3,611 9 1†	4,735 2 3†	1,714 18 6†	2,009 0 8	391 0 2

## APPENDIX B.—ACCOUNTS.

### REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
25th March, 1906.

Sir,

Herewith I return you, duly audited and certified, the Accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, for the year ended the 31st day of December, 1904, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885.

The books and documents which accompanied the Accounts have been returned by train. Kindly acknowledge their receipt.

A copy of my report on the Audit, to the Local Government Board for Ireland, is also enclosed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

To S. MURPHY, Esq., M.P., M.L.,  
The Accounting Officer of

The Commissioners of Education in Ireland,  
6, Grafton-street, Dublin.

### COPY

Local Government Board, Dublin,  
28th March, 1906.

No. 13,466/1905: EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to report, for the information of the Local Government Board, that I have audited, and certified as correct, the Accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, for the year ended the 31st day of December, 1904, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, and I enclose herewith a copy of the Accounts mentioned.

The Accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in the usual satisfactory manner.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

To the Local Government Board,  
Custom House, Dublin.

## THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

## INSPECTION, 1903-1904.

## I.

## GENERAL REPORT

With regard to the INSPECTION for the YEAR 1903-1904 of the SCHOOLS selected by the Local Boards of Education to share in the

## ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

As Inspector appointed by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the current year, I made my inspection of these Schools in September, 1904. The number of such Schools is still eleven.

The subjoined Table shows the accommodation of the Schools and the numbers on their Rolls respectively.—

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No of Pupils which the School can accommodate			No of Pupils on Roll, 1903-1904.				
				Boarders.		Day Pupils.		Total.
	Boarders.	Day Pupils.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Royal School, Armagh.	100	100	200	43	—	38	—	80
St. Patrick's College, Armagh.	40	16	56	40	—	1	—	41
Royal School, Cavan.	40	40	80	12	—	22	—	34
St. Patrick's College, Cavan.	40	50	140	47	—	25	—	72
Royal School, Raphoe.	40	160	140	18	—	13	16	47
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenney.	6	40	46	6	—	28	—	34
Royal School, Enniskillen.	100	50	150	76	—	26	—	112
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.	70	30	100	63	—	1	—	63
St. Michael's College, Enniskillen.	—	50	50	—	—	32	—	32
Royal School, Dungannon.	60	140	200	18	12	36	41	107
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.	—	130	130	—	—	24	28	47

The success of the Schools, as shown by the Intermediate Examinations, is set forth in the following Table.—

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No of Pupils on Intermediate School Roll.	Number who appeared at Intermediate Examinations.		Number who passed.		Percentage of Pupils on Intermediate School Roll.	Percentage of Pupils who passed at Intermediate Examinations.
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
Royal School, Armagh.	47	45	—	28	—	59.5	62.2
St. Patrick's College, Armagh.	35	16	—	10	—	28.5	62.5
Royal School, Cavan.	24	14	—	8	—	33.3	57.1
St. Patrick's College, Cavan.	49	32	—	18	—	36.7	56.2
Royal School, Raphoe.	35	19	10	17	8	71.4	86.2
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenney.	25	25	—	11	—	44	44
Royal School, Enniskillen.	95	65	—	46	—	49.4	70.7
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.	55	55	—	44	—	80	80
St. Michael's College, Enniskillen.	38	32	—	20	—	71.4	60.9
Royal School, Dungannon.	65	29	22	20	19	61.9	76.4
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.	47	22	20	15	11	55.8	61.9

**School Rolls.**—Little change has taken place in the total number of pupils on the rolls for the year just closed, as compared with the previous one; the figures being 669 for 1904 and 671 for 1903. Individual schools have gained or lost, but the net result leaves things practically as they were. The rolls of St. Patrick's College, Armagh, St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, and St. Michael's, Enniskillen, have been increased by 10, 6, and 7, respectively; while those of Royal School, Raphoe, Royal School, Dungannon, and St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, have been decreased by 13, 11, and 4 respectively. The number of competitors at the Intermediate Examinations shows a slight falling off—326 in 1904 taking the place of 401 in 1903. This is not a very marked diminution, but, in my opinion, anything in the nature of a decrease in this direction is to be regretted, as the larger the proportion of pupils on the Intermediate Rolls submitted to examination, the sounder the proof that Intermediate Education has been administered generally and impartially in the school.

**Educational Efficiency.**—Tested by the results of the recent Intermediate Examinations, the schools, taken as a whole, have done good work. The successful candidates number 375 out of 396 competitors, that is, 94·4 per cent.; while the percentage of successes for the whole of Ireland is 62·8. This result compares favourably with last year, when the successes numbered 65·8 per cent. of the competitors. The schools which have made the greatest advance during the year, judged by the above test, are Royal School, Raphoe, and St. Michael's School, Enniskillen; their percentages of successes having risen from 51 to 86, and from 69 to 90 respectively. I am glad to note that St. Patrick's College, Cavan, which last year was at a very low ebb, also shows signs of improvement. This year it has to its credit a percentage of 36 successes, as against one of 45 last year. Retrograde movements are noticeable principally in St. Patrick's College, Armagh, Cavan Royal School, and St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny. The last mentioned is the only school which has failed to "pass" 50 per cent. of those who competed; but, on the other hand, it is only fair to say that it is one of the two schools who submitted the full strength of their Intermediate Roll to examination. With the exception of St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, and St. Eunan's, Monaghan, there is a difference, sometimes considerable, between the number on the Intermediate Roll of a school, and the number who proceeded to examination from that school. It is in view of this fact that I have written the concluding lines of the preceding paragraph. Cavan Royal School experienced a grave hardship, in the fact that when the school year was well advanced, the "Department" refused to recognise the Drawing Master attached to the school, with the result that Experimental Science and Drawing was not allowed to count as a subject, and, as a consequence, all the Preparatory Grade Pupils failed.

**Buildings, Equipment, &c.**—Speaking generally, the School Buildings are in good order, and the teaching appliances sufficient and suitable. To this statement I must make one exception, viz., St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny. Last year I alluded in very distinct terms to the unsatisfactory condition of these premises, and it does not seem necessary to further refer to the matter now, in view of the fact that the Local Authorities are fully alive to the state of the case, and are determined to institute a new order of things. By a happy coincidence the foundation stone of new School Buildings, the plans of which, I am informed, are on an elaborate scale, was laid in Letterkenny on the day succeeding my last visit to the locality.

In connection with other Schools I noticed the following points:—

**Armagh Royal School.**—There are signs of dampness in portions of the Head Master's quarters, and the eave run has given way in one of the wings of the main building.

**Raphoe Royal School.**—The girls' class room is sadly in need of doing up; the flooring of the dining-room shows signs of decay; and the front of the house requires to be refreshed, particularly the woodwork of the windows.

**Dungannon Royal School.**—The ceiling of some of the corridors, the plaster on one of the walls of the sanitary annex, and the front of the house, particularly the woodwork of the windows, demand attention.

**Portora Royal School.**—Dampness is apparent in one of the rooms recently turned into a dormitory. The back of the house should be plastered; the woodwork of the windows requires painting.

Improved ventilation is required in the class-rooms and dormitories of St. Patrick's College, Armagh, in the class-rooms of St. Patrick's College, Cavan, in one of the dormitories of Portora, and in one of the class-rooms of Dungannon Royal School.

The sanitary arrangements are, on the whole, satisfactory. The Fermanagh Protestant Board are spending a considerable sum in introducing new drainage and new lavatory accommodation into Portora Royal School.

**Health.**—In the early spring a rather serious outbreak of mumps took place in Dungannon Royal School, which disorganised the schoolwork for a time, and very probably militated against the success of the pupils at the recent Intermediate Examinations. Raphoe also, in a less degree, suffered from mumps, and Cavan Royal School from influenza. Otherwise the health of the schools throughout the year may be said to have been uniformly good.

**Free Places.**—The competition for Free Places was, in most cases, fairly keen, but the standard of excellence reached was not high. The efforts of the various Local Boards do not appear to have been successful in attracting the proper material. Many of the Head Masters complain of the very poor answering in Mathematics of the candidates who presented themselves.

**Local Boards.**—These Bodies take an interest in their work, and faithfully discharge the duties imposed upon them by the Scheme. Some of them, however, are not particular in the matter of holding Quarterly Meetings, as provided for in the Scheme. I fully recognise that it is somewhat of a hardship to expect Members to attend Meetings when there is little or no business to be transacted. Nevertheless, Section 41 provides that each Local Board "shall meet once at the least in every three months," and this provision should be observed.

**Schedule J, Qualified Schools.**—I am satisfied that all the necessary conditions have been fulfilled, and I beg to report the compliance, by each of the Schools, with the requirements of the Scheme in respect of the School year ended August 1, 1904.

**Obituary.**—I cannot conclude my report without alluding to the death, under such tragic circumstances in June last, of Doctor Biggs, late Head Master of Portora Royal School, under whose management the School had achieved so much in popularity and in success. The death of Doctor Biggs cannot fail to be a serious loss to the Fermanagh Protestant Board and to the cause of Education generally in the North of Ireland.

The matters which call for attention and to which I have briefly alluded above will be made the subject of further reference in my detailed Report to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

STANISLAUS MURPHY, Inspector.

October 8th, 1904.



## INSPECTION.

## II.

## DETAILED REPORTS OF THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S INSPECTOR.

## Scheme No. 34.—Ulster Royal Schools Endowments.

I.—*Armagh Protestant Board of Education.*

Owing to the lengthened absence from home of the Honorary Secretary, I have not had an opportunity of examining the records of the Local Board. I am satisfied, however, that the provisions of the Scheme have been observed. From returns supplied to me, I am pleased to note (1) that the Board held six meetings during the year, which tends to show that they take a considerable interest in their duties; and (2), that steps have been taken to collect funds for the maintenance of the School, and that, so far, the appeal has met with a satisfactory response.

*Armagh Royal School.*

The number of pupils on the School roll shows a slight increase on that for last year, the figures being eighty now as against seventy-seven then. Forty-five competed at the Intermediate Examinations and twenty-eight passed; that is, 62·2 per cent, which is an improvement of 3 per cent, on last year's results. The resignation of Mr. McDonnell, M.A., who, during his six years' Headmastership, had done so much to promote the success of the School, will, I fear, militate temporarily at least, against the institution, as the efforts of the new Headmaster (Mr. Hinch) will, in the beginning, be handicapped by a very much reduced School Roll.

The School Premises are in what may be described as fair condition. Many of the classroom desks show unmistakable signs of long service; there are evident traces of dampness in portions of the Headmaster's quarters, and the cove-ran has given way in one of the wings of the main building.

II.—*Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

The attendance of members at Board Meetings was satisfactory. Four meetings were held but the interval—January to June, 1904—between two meetings was too long, in view of clause 41 of the Scheme, which provides that each Local Board shall meet once at the least in every three months. Should the funds at all admit, the Board would be well advised in increasing the value of their Free Places. They might thus hope to attract more desirable candidates and more successful pupils.

*St. Patrick's College, Armagh.*

The School Roll shows a large increase on that of the previous year—forty-one taking the place of thirty-one. But notwithstanding this accession to the School Roll, the number of competitors at the Intermediate Examinations remains the same (16). Ten passed, which shows a falling off of over 11 per cent, on last year. The fresh men entering St. Patrick's are frequently very backward, while, far from seldom, they are advanced in years, and these two causes combine to render success as an Intermediate School by no means easy. Hence the remark I made above as to the wisdom of seeking to attract by valuable Free Places a more desirable class of candidates.

Some of the rooms used as dormitories are by no means well ventilated. In fact, according to our modern ideas, they can scarcely be regarded as suitable for their purpose. The same may be said of some of the class rooms, otherwise the School premises are satisfactory.

III.—*Cavan Protestant Board of Education.*

The Statutory Meetings were duly held, and the attendance of members was satisfactory. With commendable enterprise a Bazaar was organised in June last in aid of the School, and the substantial sum of £281 having been realised, the debt incurred in laboratory equipment and sanitary arrangements is now all but wiped out. I regret to have to announce the death of Canon McCandless, M.A., the representative of Cavan Select Vestry on the Board, and for many years its Honorary Secretary.

With regard to the Board's finances the present Honorary Secretary (Mr. Allen) made, on the occasion of my visit, what seemed to me a very good suggestion. The Cavan Royal School Endowment consists of Government Stock which yields from 2½ to 3½ per cent, and Mr. Allen's idea is that this Stock should be realised and the proceeds invested in other recognised Trustee Securities (say Railway Debenture Stock), yielding a higher rate of interest. If the two Local Boards were to agree in making this recommendation to the Commissioners of Education in Ireland I have little doubt that the matter would receive favourable consideration.

*Cavan Royal School.*

The School Roll remains the same as last year, viz., thirty-four. The number who competed at the Intermediate Examinations was fourteen, of whom eight passed. This result is not so good as last year, but it is only fair to mention that the School experienced a grave hardship in the fact that when the year was well advanced the "Department" refused to recognise the Drawing Master attached to the School, with the result that Experimental Science and Drawing were not allowed to count as a subject, and as a consequence, all the Preparatory Grade Pupils failed.

As I stated last year the premises are in good condition; neatness and order are characteristic of this establishment.

IV. *Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

The attendance at meetings of the members of this Board is above the average, and this fact itself argues that they take an interest in their duties.

It might be well if the Board were to consider the suggestion made to me by Mr. Allen, the Honorary Secretary of the Cavan Protestant Board. The Cavan Royal School Endowment (which is the joint property of the two Local Boards) at present consists of Government Stock which yields from 2½ to 3½ per cent., and Mr. Allen's idea is that this stock should be realised and the proceeds invested in other recognised Trustee Securities (say, Railway Debenture Stock), yielding a higher rate of interest. If the two Local Boards were to agree in making this recommendation to the Commissioners of Education in Ireland I have little doubt that the suggestion would be favourably received.

## St. Patrick's College, Cavan.

I am very glad to be able to report improvement in this School. The percentage of passes to competitors this year is fifty-six as compared with forty-five last year, and that, too, although the Intermediate School Roll shows a diminution of ten. I do not mean to say that there is not room for further improvement; but a change for the better is apparent, and with the recent infusion of new blood into the Teaching Staff it is to be hoped that that change shall shortly become still more pronounced. In some of the class-rooms, when they have been occupied for any lengthened time, the atmosphere becomes very close, and, if possible, additional means of ventilation should be devised.

V.—*Donegal Protestant Board of Education.*

This Board give a good deal of attention to the School under their management, and they enjoy the advantage of possessing an energetic Honorary Secretary. The Minute Book and Accounts are neatly and accurately kept.

## Raphoe Royal School.

This School still continues to improve its position—a percentage of fifty-one successes last year giving place to one of eighty-six this year. This is a highly creditable result, and judged by such a standard Raphoe Royal School takes second place on the present occasion among the eleven Schools sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments. This success is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the energies of the Teaching Staff were taxed in preparing pupils for such advanced examinations as the Second Arts of the Royal University of Ireland.

Some improvements have been made in the School Premises, but a good deal yet remains to be done. The girls' classroom is sadly in need of attention; the flooring of the dining-room shows signs of decay; and the front of the house requires to be refreshed, particularly the woodwork of the windows. I would call the special attention of the Local Board to these three points, which, in my opinion, are of pressing necessity.

VI.—*Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

Section 41 of the Scheme provides that each Local Board "shall meet once at the least in every three months." I note, however, that the above Board held no meeting between September, 1903, and April, 1904. Four meetings were held during the year; the attendance of members was good.

## St. Anne's Seminary, Letterkenny.

During the year the School Roll increased from twenty-eight to thirty-four. The Intermediate Roll was twenty-five, and twenty-five actually competed at the examinations. This is a healthy sign, and although only eleven passed, the fact that the full strength of the Intermediate Roll was submitted to examination serves, in my opinion, as a good set-off to what otherwise might be regarded as comparatively poor results.

Anything like real success can hardly be expected under present circumstances—the condition of the existing School Premises being of itself sufficient to heavily handicap both masters and pupils. I am happy to be able to report, however—"That the Local Authorities are fully alive to the state of the case and are determined to initiate a new order of things. By a happy coincidence, the foundation-stone of new School buildings, the plans of which I am informed are on an elaborate scale, was laid in Letterkenny on the day succeeding my last visit to the locality."—(Extract from Report to Commissioners of Education in Ireland)

VII.—*Ferns Protestant Board of Education.*

This is one of the most energetic of the Local Boards. Meetings are regularly held, the attendance of members is good, and much time and thought are devoted to promoting the interests of the School. The Free Places offered by the Board do not appear to be much appreciated judging by the class of competitors who present themselves. It might be good policy if the Board were to make these places more attractive by adding to their value.

## Portora Royal School.

I am glad to be able to report that there was no recurrence of the serious illness to which I had to allude last year, and, as might have been anticipated, there is a marked improvement in the Intermediate results. Last year the percentage of passes to competitors was fifty-two, while this year it is seventy. The School Roll shows a slight increase, 112 taking the place of 110.

As to the School Premises, they are, speaking generally, in good order, and when the new drainage system has been completed, the sanitary arrangements should be almost perfect. I noticed signs of dampness in one of the rooms recently turned into a dormitory. The back of the main building requires to be done up; the woodwork of the windows should be painted.

I cannot conclude without alluding to the death, under such tragic circumstances in June last, of Doctor Biggs, late Head Master of Portora Royal School, under whose management the School had achieved so much in popularity and in success. The death of Dr. Biggs cannot fail to be a loss not only to the Local Board, but to the cause of education generally in the North of Ireland.

#### VIII.—*Fernanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

This Board deserve the term "enterprising." They are generous in the matter of Free Places, and I think the policy is a good one—as secure keen competition and a high standard of merit. The Examiner reports:—"The Examination was most satisfactory. Six pupils scored over 60 per cent., eight over 50 per cent." The brilliant results achieved at the recent Intermediate Examinations reflect credit both on the Local Board and on the Teaching Staffs of the two Schools under their management.

#### *St. Martin's Seminary, Monaghan.*

Again the total Intermediate Roll was submitted to examination, and again the result was eminently satisfactory. The strength of the Roll was fifty-five; fifty-five competed and forty-four passed, that is a percentage of eighty success this year as against seventy-seven last year. St. Martin's and St. Kieran's, Lethamstown, are the only two Schools, of those sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments, of which the number of Intermediate competitors tallied with the Intermediate School Roll, and this is a point to be borne in mind in measuring the success of those Schools.

#### *St. Michael's School, Banisillen.*

The School Roll shows a substantial increase; thirty-two now taking the place of twenty-five last year. The Intermediate Results are most satisfactory, and they make a record among those of the Schools sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments. The number of competitors was twenty-two; the number of passes twenty; and the percentage of successes was accordingly the highly creditable one of ninety. The School has thus more than fulfilled the promise it gave last year.

#### IX.—*Tyrone Protestant Board of Education.*

The attendance of members at Board Meetings leaves much room for improvement. One meeting fell through for want of a quorum, while two members failed to attend a single meeting during the year. The Board as a whole, however, heartily co-operate with Mr. Dill and Miss McDermott in promoting the interests of the School.

#### *Dungannon Royal School.*

The number on the School Roll is less than last year; fifty-four taking the place of sixty-three. Of thirty-eight on the Intermediate Roll, twenty-nine competed, and twenty passed. This result may be regarded as fairly satisfactory, but I should like to see a higher standard of merit displayed by the Free Place candidates. A top score of 90 per cent. out of nine competitors would seem to indicate that even the best of those competitors is scarcely above mediocrity.

The premises are in fair order, but I note that the ceiling of some of the corridors, the plaster on one of the walls of the sanitary annex, and the front of the house, particularly the woodwork of the windows, demand attention.

The Girls' Department continues to be a pronounced success under Miss McDermott's management. The School Roll was fifty-three; the Intermediate Roll, twenty-five; the number of competitors, twenty-two; and the number of Passes nineteen. The percentage of successes is highly creditable, and the general tone of the establishment is excellent.

#### X.—*Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

This Board duly discharge the duties imposed on them by the Scheme; but, as in former years, some of the members are far from active, and fail to display much interest in the School under their management. Increased energy on the part of each individual member, might have the effect of supplying the great want of the School, viz., increased numbers. A few of the members are activity itself, but they cannot make good the short comings of their colleagues.

#### *St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.*

Yet, again, have I to chronicle a falling off in the School Roll; forty-seven now taking the place of fifty-one last year. This is not at all as it should be. An important centre like Dungannon, and such splendid School premises, should be able to furnish a School Roll of twice forty-seven, and this persistent diminution is a point which, to my mind, demands the earnest attention of the Local Board.

Of forty-seven on the Intermediate Roll, the exhaustive number of forty-two were submitted to Examination, and, of those, twenty-six passed. This result is fairly satisfactory, and, were it not for the constantly diminishing numbers alluded to above, I should be well pleased with the present progress and the future prospects of the Academy.

STANISLAUS MURPHY,  
*Inspector.*

## Scheme No. 111.—Preston, Queen's County. Endowment.

## PRESTON SCHOOL, ABBEYLEIX.

*The Local Board.*—Again I have to call attention to the little interest in the School evinced by members of the Local Board. Of the three Quarterly Meetings summoned during the current year, one fell through for want of a quorum, although an attendance of three is sufficient to constitute a meeting; while each of the other meetings could muster an attendance of only four members. This is a very bad record, and it might be well if the Local Board were to consider the advisability of adopting a bye-law providing that whenever any member shall, for the space of one year, fail to attend a meeting of the Local Board his office shall thereupon become vacant. This might induce an increase of interest in the present members; and, failing that, it would afford an opportunity of introducing new blood into the Governing Body.

As usual, the Minute Book and Accounts have been kept in a most admirable manner.

The financial condition of the School is somewhat similar to that of last year—viz., a debit balance of over £200—but this cannot be regarded as very unsatisfactory when one considers the heavy expenditure recently incurred.

*Preston School.*

I note with pleasure that the numbers on the School roll show an increase—though a slight one—over those for last year; the numbers being 25 now, as compared with 23 at the date of my last inspection. The number on the Intermediate Roll was 17, and of these 11 actually competed, but I am sorry to say that only six passed. French, and weak answering in French and Latin are mainly accountable for the comparatively speaking, poor result. Mathematics, for which the Head Master was personally responsible, were very creditable, and, as a change has been made among the Assistant Masters this year, it is to be hoped that an improvement may be soon apparent in other subjects also. Order and neatness everywhere prevail. The dampness alluded to in my last report shows signs of disappearing. Master Watson Ormsby Smyth, having passed the Summer Matriculation of the Royal University of Ireland, is the winner of the Preston School Scholarship for the current year.

September 13, 1904.

STANISLAUS MURPHY,  
Inspector.

## Scheme No. 95—Leamy Endowments, Limerick.

*Leamy Protestant Board.*

The Board met regularly during the year, and the attendance of members was fair. One of *ex-officio* members failed to attend a single meeting, but it may be assumed that this failure was due to ill-health and advanced age, and not to want of interest in the School. The accounts and minutes are well kept. The Endowment is applied in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.

*Leamy High School.*

The number in average attendance is slightly less than that for last year; the figures being 36 now as against 40 then. For the first time, a class was entered for the Intermediate Examinations this year. Six competed and two passed. This is not a very brilliant result, but it must be remembered that it is a first attempt. I stated last year I was impressed with the method of teaching French and English, and the Intermediate Results bear out my view; the marks obtained in French being almost brilliant, and in English highly creditable. There is still room for improvement in Euclid. The manners and general bearing of the pupils in all the classes leave nothing to be desired.

*Leamy Roman Catholic Board.*

The members of this Board take an interest in their work, and, with one exception, they attended regularly the meetings held during the year. The requirements of the Scheme are duly observed, and the Endowment is, in my opinion, utilised to the best advantage. The records of the Board are kept in a satisfactory manner.

*Leamy National School.*

Some improvements have been effected in the premises since the date of my last visit, but I would call attention to the state of the windows, some of which do not open properly, with the result that ventilation suffers. The present windows are antiquated, and should be replaced by modern ones at the earliest opportunity. With the efficiency of the School generally I was highly pleased. The National Board Inspector's Report is "excellent," and there is an alertness about the pupils which I have seldom seen equalled. The Principal Teacher has, for a second time, been awarded the "Catholic and Blake Premium." The numbers in attendance and on the Roll are about normal.

October 24, 1904.

STANISLAUS MURPHY,  
Inspector.

## APPENDIX D.

## REPORTS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

## I.—Armagh Protestant Board of Education.

The Armagh Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following as their Report for the year ending August 1st, 1904.

The members of the Board during the year have been—

*Representing the Armagh Diocesan Council:—*

3. His Grace the Lord Primate.
4. The Very Rev. the Dean of Armagh.
5. The Venerable the Archbishop of Armagh.
4. Sir James H. Strangé, Bart.
4. J. H. Gray, Esq.

*Representing the General Assembly:—*

4. The Rev. David Miller.
5. The Rev. H. W. Morrow.
2. R. G. McCrum, Esq.

*Representing the Methodist Conference:—*

4. Joshua E. Peel, Esq.

The numbers prefixed to the names of the members show the numbers of their attendances at meetings of the Board.

Meetings were held on October 23rd and December 29th, 1903, and on March 22nd, May 19th, July 14th, and July 27th, 1904.

On December 29th, 1903, Sir James Strangé was re-elected our representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

On March 22nd, 1904, the Lord Primate was re-elected our Chairman, the Rev. David Miller our Vice-Chairman, and Sir James H. Strangé our Hon. Secretary. Mr. Gray, Mr. Peel, and Sir James H. Strangé were re-elected our representatives on the Joint Education Committee.

The Armagh Royal School has been very efficiently maintained during the year 1903-1904, and during the Summer Term the number of pupils was larger than during the similar period of the previous year. The numbers were—Boys 42; Day Pupils 40.

The following were the teaching staff:—

- A. C. MacDonnell, M.A.  
T. E. Lowndes, M.A.  
E. C. Illingworth, M.A.  
E. A. Cuvellier.  
E. H. Lowndes.

A list of twenty boys who, among others, have received instruction in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme, and have made 100 attendances, was forwarded as usual to the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector. Forty-five boys entered for the Intermediate Examinations. The following 30 passed among others:—

Murphy.	Edwards.
Hutton.	Gray.
Hutton.	Moore.
Bradstreet.	Moore.
Haldane.	Stuart.
Haldane.	Osborne.
Morrison.	Cressie.
Whitely.	Berkine.
Proctor.	Sandford.
Heaton.	Knappe.

We have again to report that no boys entered for the Free Place Examinations which were advertised in due course.

Early in the period covered by this Report the Board decided that it would be necessary to appeal to the public for funds if the Armagh Royal School was to be maintained, and on March 22nd, 1904, a form of appeal was approved which was subsequently pretty widely circulated. An influential School Maintenance Committee was formed in consequence from among the residents in the City and County of Armagh. They have already received considerable sums of money and promises of further support. The Board hope that the financial difficulties of the School may be considerably lightened owing to their exertions.

On December 29th, 1903, the Board, having heard that the occupants of the Armagh Royal School Estate had expressed a desire to purchase their holdings, passed the following resolution:—"The Board would approve of a sale, if it could be made for such a sum as would (when invested in Trusts securities) produce an income equal to that now produced by the Estate."

On July 14th, 1904, the Board having received notice of the approaching resignation of the Head Master (on his appointment to Portlaoise Royal School), decided to advertise for his successor, and on July 27th, having considered the applications which had been sent in, they appointed Henry Hirsch, Esq., B.A., upon the same conditions as Mr. McDonnell, the late Head Master, was appointed.

The Board feel bound to place on record their appreciation of the zeal and ability with which the School was conducted by the late Head Master, Mr. A. G. McDonnell, and the marked progress which the School made both in numbers and reputation during his head mastership, notwithstanding the grave financial discouragements which he had to encounter. The retirement of so able and so popular a head master could not fail to be a severe blow to the school, especially as many of the pupils naturally preferred to accompany him to Portlaoise. The Board, however, trust that the loss of numbers to the school will be only temporary, and that the school may have a prosperous career under Mr. Hirsch. They trust, also, that much good may result from the efforts of the School Maintenance Committee to secure financial support for the School.

An abstract of the accounts last audited by the Local Government Board is appended.

DAVID MILLER,  
Chairman.

ACCOUNT OF THE ARMAGH PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year ending 31st December, 1903.

Dr.				Cr.
CHARGE.	£	s.	d.	DISBURSEMENT.
Balance from last account (see below),	—	—	—	By Balance as per last account,
Results Fees from Board of Agriculture, &c.	16	10	3	— Maintenance of Premises,
Donation,	8	7	0	— Salaries (Audit Fee),
Devotions,	1	0	0	
Due by Hon. Secretary at last account,	4	7	6	— Interest on Overdraft,
Income Tax refunded,	8	12	0	
Balance due Bank, 31st December, 1903,	100	12	10	
Total,	100	12	10	Total,

I certify that the foregoing account is correct,

29th day of March, 1904.

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

Besides the above there are sums standing to the credit of this Account in the following securities:—  
2½ per Cent. Consols, £50 7s. 8d.; Post Office Savings Bank, £13 19s. 8d.

We certify that the above is a true account,

[Seal.]

DAVID MILLER, Governor.

JAMES H. STROUSE, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 32nd day of March, 1904.

## II.—Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

The Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education beg to submit the following as their report for the year ending August 1st, 1904.

Four meetings of the Board were held in St. Patrick's College during the year.

The following tabulated form gives the names of the present members of the Board, with the attendance of each member at the meetings during the above period:—

	Sep. 1, 1903	Nov. 25, 1903	Jan. 24, 1904	June 1, 1904	Total.
His Eminence Cardinal Logan, . . . . .	—	1	1	1	3
Very Rev. Canon Coyne, . . . . .	1	1	1	1	4
Very Rev. Canon McGonney, . . . . .	1	1	1	—	3
Very Rev. Canon McGonney, . . . . .	1	—	1	1	3
Rev. M. S. McDonnell, . . . . .	1	—	1	—	2
Mrs. Kerr, Esq., M.D., J.P., . . . . .	1	1	1	1	4
A. Donnelly, Esq., . . . . .	1	—	1	—	2
H. J. McKee, Esq., . . . . .	1	1	1	1	4
Patrick Lavery, Esq., . . . . .	1	1	1	1	4

His Eminence Cardinal Logan, Messrs. Wm. Kerr, M.D., J.P., and Patrick Lavery were unanimously elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Honorary Secretary, respectively, for the year 1904.

Very Rev. Canon Coyne was elected as our Representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

The Hibernian Bank, Armagh, continues to fill the position of Treasurer to the Board.

Very Rev. Canon Coyne, Messrs. Wm. Kerr, M.D., J.P., and Patrick Lavery were re-elected Catholic members of the Estates Committee.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh, is the only School adopted by the Board.

The School Committee, appointed in accordance with section 47 of the Scheme, consists of His Eminence Cardinal Logan, Very Rev. M. Carrigy, C.M., President, St. Patrick's College, Armagh, Rev. Thomas Gavin, C.M., Rev. J. Downey, C.M., and Rev. — O'Connell, C.M., Professors, St. Patrick's College, Armagh.

An examination for Free Places as Boarders in St. Patrick's College was held on 11th August, 1903, in conformity with section 59 of the Scheme. Six candidates presented themselves for the examination. Two were successful.

Very Rev. Michael Carrigy, C.M., Rev. Thomas Gavin, C.M., Rev. J. Downey, C.M., Rev. — O'Connell, C.M., and Thomas Savage, Esq., constitute the teaching staff.

The subjects of instruction given in the School are:—Latin, Greek, English, French, Algebra, Arithmetic, Euclid, History, Geography, Physical Geography, Natural Philosophy, Book-keeping, Elocution, Music, and Drawing.

The subjects of instruction for each class are determined by the Programme of the Intermediate Board for each year.

In the year ended 1st August, 1904, there were 42 pupils in the School, of whom 13 were Middle Grade, 16 were Junior Grade, and 13 were Elementary pupils.

The following is a list of 29 boys who (with others) have received instruction in the prescribed subjects, and have made over 100 attendances during the past twelve months:—

No.	Name.	No.	Name.	No.	Name.	No.	Name.
1	John Callanan	6	P. Dwyer	14	V. Hughes	26	J. Drummond
2	John Kelly	7	T. Black	15	J. McCann	27	J. O'Connell
3	P. Bennett	8	H. Farrell	16	F. McDonnell	28	J. Devlin
4	J. Allen	9	R. Fitzpatrick	17	J. Murphy	29	P. Matthews
5	J. Collins	10	P. O'Connell	18	T. Montague	30	W. Mullins

The following passed the Intermediate Examination; their official examination numbers are prefixed to their names:—

Middle Grade,	5,469	J. Brannigan.	Junior Grade,	2,774	J. Callaghan.
"	5,743	J. Conlin.	"	5,206	P. Connor.
"	5,806	J. Davlin.	"	2,212	J. Aiken.
"	6,251	P. Mathews.	"	3,032	J. Klock.
			"	3,125	E. Fitzpatrick.
			"	3,987	J. McCann.

All the accounts of the Board up to 31st December, 1903, have been submitted to the Local Government Board, and duly audited by J. F. Mayne, Esq., Local Government Board Auditor. A correct copy of the last audited account accompanies this report.

Dated this 16th day of November, 1904, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Board.

✠ MICHAEL CARR, LEADER,  
Chairman.

PATRICK LAVERTY,  
Honorary Secretary.

THE ACCOUNT OF ARRAIGH ROMAN CATHOLIC LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year ended  
31st December, 1903.

Dr.

Cr.

CHARGE	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account, . . .	289 11 2½	By Amounts of Payments under the following heads:—	
1903. June 5.		Salaries—Cheques to Hon Sec to	
To Amount received from Commissioners		pay salary of Mr. Savage, Sec.	61 10 0
of Irish Revenue, being refund of		Maintenance of Resident Staff, . . .	158 0 6
Income Tax, . . . . .	450 10 5	Edmondson's Expenses, . . . . .	45 12 2
		Fines, . . . . .	7 0 0
June 30.			327 12 8
1. To Amount of Interest which accrued on		Other Payments, viz:—	
Balance in Edmondson Bank and added		1903—Sept. 8—By Cheques to J. F. Mayne,	
to current account for half-year, . . .	2 30 6	Esq., for auditing	
2. Amount received from Commissioners		accounts for 1903, . . . . .	2 2 8
of Education, . . . . .	250 0 0		
Dec 31.		1903—Sept. 8—By Cheques to Joseph Murphy,	
1. To Amount of Interest which accrued on		Esq., for editing, Exam-	
Balance in Edmondson Bank and added		ination Papers, . . . . .	2 2 6
to current account for half-year, . . .	2 2 6	2. June 30—By Cheques to Hon. Secretary	
2. Amount now in Accounting Office's		for Petty Cash, . . . . .	2 0 0
hands, . . . . .	45 4 4½		2 4 0
	289 12 11½	Amount in Accounting Office's hands at last year's	
		balance since disbursed by him, . . . .	45 7 2½
		Total Payments, . . . . .	289 4 6½
		Balance per Bank Book, . . . . .	2150 16 1
		18 Accounting Office's	
		hands, . . . . .	45 4 4½
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st	
		December, 1903, . . . . .	127 0 9½
Total, . . . . .	436 5 2	Total, . . . . .	£ 436 5 2

We certify that the above is a true account.

(Seal.)

✠ MICHAEL CARR, LEADER, Governor.

Dated this 1st day of June, 1904.

PATRICK LAVERTY, Accounting Officer.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

1st day of September, 1904.



## III.—Cavan Protestant Board of Education.

The Cavan Protestant Local Board of Education beg to submit the following report for the year ending 31st August, 1904.

The Members of the Board remain the same as the previous year, except that Mr. Robert Cunningham, representing the Methodist Body, resigned, and his resignation was accepted by the Board at their Quarterly Meeting on the 8th February, 1904, at which Meeting the Board appointed Rev. Moses Douglas, Methodist Clergyman, Cavan, in the place of said Robert Cunningham, resigned.

The Honorary Officers were:—

The Lord Bishop of Kilmore, *Chairman*,  
The Rev. Wm. McDowell, M.A., *Vice-Chairman*,  
The Rev. W. C. McCausland, M.A., *Hon. Secretary*.

The Board regret to announce the death of the Rev. W. C. McCausland, M.A., who died on the 25th June, 1904, and who for many years was a Member of this Board, and acted as Honorary Secretary.

The Cavan Royal School still continues to maintain its position as an Educational Establishment.

At the Intermediate Examinations fourteen pupils entered and eight passed, one boy gaining a Latin Composition Prize. The failures were all in the Preparatory Grade, and may be ascribed to youth and inexperience.

At an Open Competitive Examination for Civil Service Clerkship (Second Class) two pupils gained 14th and 45th places respectively.

An Examination for Free Scholarships was held, when five pupils competed. Examiner recommended one boy for Scholarship, and he was duly elected.

A Bazaar was held in June to raise funds to reduce the overdraft due by the Board to the Ulster Bank, which was incurred by expenditure on the School for the Laboratory and sanitary alterations, etc., when a sum of £288 11s. 6d. was realised by same.

The Quarterly Meetings of the Board were held on the 27th November, 1903; 8th February, 1904; 4th May, 1904, and 23rd July, 1904.

The Board duly inspected the School, etc., at their Meetings in November, 1903, and May, 1904, and found same in a satisfactory condition.

A. Truill, Esq., M.P.C.D., now Provost of T.C.D., was re-elected Commissioner at the November Meeting of the Board.

At the July, 1904, Meeting, the Board elected Mr. Richard Allen Honorary Secretary, and co-opted the Rev. George Hiss, Methodist Clergyman, Cavan, as a Member of the Board in the room of Rev. Moses Douglas, resigned, he having left Cavan.

The Select Vestry of Cavan Parish on the 4th November, 1904, elected the Rev. E. D. Crowe, Incumbent of Cavan, as a representative of the Select Vestry on this Board, in the room of Rev. W. C. McCausland, deceased. The Board is now complete.

All which I beg to submit for the information of your Board.

Dated this 27th day of February, 1905.

RICHARD ALLEN, *Hon. Secretary, and one of  
the Members of the Board.*

## THE ACCOUNT OF THE CAVAN PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1904.

Dr.		Cr.	
CHARGE.		DISBURSE.	
To Amounts received during the period in respect of	£ s. d.	By Debt Balance on 31st December, 1903, . . .	£ s. d.
Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments, . . .	100 20 0	Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—	250 9 6
Subscriptions, . . .	255 21 8	Rent and Taxes, &c., . . .	2 4 4
Bequests of Mr. Fyffe (from J. H. Haughey), . . .	3 14 4	Salaries, . . .	100 9 0
Miss Lonsdale's Bequests, viz.:—Second of Income Tax, . . .	26 9 9	Other Payments, viz.:—	110 12 8
		Interest on Mortgage for 1000 lbs. M., at 5 per cent., . . .	17 15 2
		Insurance, . . .	5 2 8
		Interest paid Bank on overdraft, . . .	11 9 7
		Total Payment, . . .	434 34 5
Debt Balance on 31st December, 1904, . . .	26 10 13	Total, . . .	434 34 5
Total, . . .	645 24 9		

I certify that the above is a true Account.

(Seal.)

RICHARD ALLEN, *Hon. Sec. and Accounting Officer,  
and Member of said Board.*

Dated this 28th day of February 1905.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

W. F. GILL, *Auditor, Agent, Bank of Ireland, Cavan.*

1st day of March, 1905

## IV.—Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.

REPORT OF THE CAVAN ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year ended 31st December, 1904.

*The Board.*—The members of the Board were:—The Most Rev. Dr. McGuinness, Lord Bishop of Kilmore, Chairman; Frederick Smith, Esq., M.A., Vice-Chairman; Very Rev. Patrick Lynch, P.P., P.P.; Very Rev. Thomas Clarke, P.P., P.P.; Rev. Patrick Clarke, P.P.; Rev. Hugh Brady, P.P., Hon. Sec.; Philip Cahill, Esq., A.P.; John McCabe, Esq., M.A.; Louis Smith, Esq.

Four meetings were held at regular intervals during the year.

*Examinations.*—The examination for free places was held in St. Patrick's College on the 30th June. Four candidates presented themselves, but only one was awarded a place, the others being disqualified for non-compliance with the condition requiring candidates to give a month's notice of their intention to enter for the examination. The Rev. Hugh Brady, P.P., Kesh, acted as Examiner.

*St. Patrick's College.*—The number of students of all ages on the College roll at the end of the year is sixty-seven, of whom forty-seven are Boarders and the remainder Day Students. Eighteen Students passed at the Intermediate Examinations.

*Commissioner.*—His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, was re-elected Commissioner at a meeting held on the 26th December, 1904.

FRED. P. SMITH.

THOMAS CLARKE, P.P.

26th December, 1904.

ACCOUNT OF THE CAVAN ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1904.

Dr.			Cr.
DEBITS.	£ s d	CREDITS.	£ s d
To Balance as per last Account. . . . .	£ 30 13	By Salaries . . . . .	120 0 0
„ Cash from Commissioners. . . . .	173 13 4	„ Educational Expenses. . . . .	20 0 0
„ Interest on Account in Ulster Bank. . . . .	1 1 3	„ Cost of Audit. . . . .	1 1 0
	173 17 3	„ Cost of Advertising. . . . .	1 1 0
		Total Payments. . . . .	—
		Balance per Bank Book. . . . .	5 2 9
		Balance in Accounting Officer's hands. . . . .	—
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1904. . . . .	—
Total. . . . .	227 3 9	Total. . . . .	227 3 9

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Sd.]

FRED. P. SMITH, Governor.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1905.

THOMAS CLARKE, P.P., Accounting Officer.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

15th day of February, 1905.

J. F. MAYR, Auditor.

## V.—Donegal Protestant Board of Education.

The Donegal Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following Report for the year ended 31st July, 1904:—

*Constitution of the Board.*—Elected Members.—Rev. A. G. Lecky, B.A., Chairman; Captain Stonor, B.A., Vice-Chairman; Rev. Robert Miller, M.A.; Rev. Samuel Meek, B.A.; Rev. James Craig Wallace, B.A.; Rev. William Scott, B.A.; Messrs. Robert Carson Wilson; Thomas Hamilton, J.P., Hon. Sec.

*Co-opted Members.*—Rev. Canon Thompson; The Very Rev. Dean Potter; Rev. James A. W. Mulligan, B.A.; Messrs. John B. Weir, J.P.; David Wilson, B.A.

*Meetings.*—The Board held four stated and one special meeting during the year. A statement of the attendance of members is sent herewith. The Board, with great regret, report the deaths during the year of two of their most prominent and active members—Rev. Robert McMorris, B.A., and Mr. John B. Weir, J.P. Both these gentlemen were members of the Board since its formation, and took the warmest interest in the cause of education in this district.

*Repulse Bay School.*—The number of pupils in attendance at the School for the past year was 47, of whom 18 were Boarders. The teaching staff was as follows:—Head Master, P. Bain, Esq.; Classical Master, Mr. H. Warren, M.A., Stuar, Trinity College; Girls' School, Miss M. Pettridge and Miss Watson; Drawing Master, Mr. Kerr, School of Art, Derry. Twenty-nine pupils presented themselves at the recent Intermediate Examinations. The following University candidates who attended the school during the year were successful:—One Second University, B.U.I.; two First University, B.U.I.; two Matriculation, B.U.I. One obtained a Scholarship at Magee College, Derry, and one an Exhibition at Queen's College, Galway.

With reference to paragraph in Inspector's Annual Report to Commissioners for 1903, regarding repairs to Royal School premises, we beg to state that we have had those carried out so far as our funds permit. But we wish to report that owing to the fact that certain sums which we were led to believe would have been paid for the equipment, &c., of laboratory by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, were disallowed on application, we find ourselves unable to carry out the remainder of these desirable repairs, owing to the deficit having to be paid out of our limited revenue.

*Income, &c.*—A copy of the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1903, is enclosed herewith.

*Free Places.*—Rev. A. G. Lecky, M.A., held an examination for free places at Royal School on 26th August. One candidate presented himself for examination, who passed most satisfactorily.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board held 6th August, 1904.

(Simplified)

ALF. G. LOCKY, Chairman.

THE DUNDEE PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Attendance of Members for the year ended 31st July, 1904.

Name.	Aug. 7.	Nov. 2.	Jan. 2.	Feb. 2.	May 2.	Total.
Captain Slessey, D.L.	-	-	1	1	1	3
Rev. A. G. Leaky, B.A.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. Robert McEwen, M.A.	-	1	-	1	1	3
Rev. Samuel Mack, B.A.	-	1	1	1	-	3
Mr. Robert O. Wilson.	-	-	1	-	-	1
Mr. Thomas Hamilton, J. F.	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. James Craig Wallace, B.A.	1	1	1	1	1	6
Rev. Cassin Thompson.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. John S. West, J.B.	1	-	-	1	-	2
Mr. David Wilson.	-	-	-	1	-	1
The Very Rev. Dean Potter.	-	-	-	1	1	2
Rev. James A. W. Mulligan, B.A.	-	-	-	1	-	1
Rev. Cassin Kennedy.	-	-	1	-	1	2

THE ACCOUNT OF THE DOMINICAL PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1903.

Dr.				Cr.
	CHARGE		DENOMINATE	
To Amounts received during the period in respect of			By Balance due Northern Bank, . . . . .	25 16 6
Baltimore, . . . . .	25 16 6		" Amount of Payments under the following head-	
" Rent, . . . . .	20 10 0		ings:—	
" Balance due Northern Bank on 31st December, 1901, . . . . .	25 13 0		Maintenance of Premises, &c., . . . . .	5 1 5
			Taxes, &c., . . . . .	24 8 7
			Salaries, . . . . .	30 3 0
				120 3 0
			Other payments, viz:—	
			Insurance, . . . . .	5 15 0
			Advertising, . . . . .	6 12 9
			Audit, . . . . .	1 1 0
			Interest paid, Bank, . . . . .	5 5 0
			Secretary's Expenses, . . . . .	0 4 1
				7 15 39
Total, . . . . .	251 13 0		Total, . . . . .	251 13 0

We certify that the above is a true Account.

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A. G. LUCKY, Chairman.

THOS. HAMILTON, *Accounting Officer*

Dated this 5th day of February, 1904.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor.

6th day of May, 1904.

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## VI.—Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.

ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31st July, 1904.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour of submitting to you the proceedings of the Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education for the year ended 31st July, 1904.

The Members of the Board, as at present constituted, are—The Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Chairman; Joseph M'Leone, Esq., J.P., Vice-Chairman; Right Rev. Monsignor M'Fadden, v.o., Treasurer; Right Rev. Monsignor M'Glynn, v.o., Secretary; Very Rev. John Canon Doherty, v.o.; Rev. Daniel Stephens, P.P.; R. M'Fadden, Esq., M.P.; and James Boyle, Esq., Solicitor.

The School Committee is the same as last year; and so is the Estates Committee also the same as last year.

The amount received from the Commissioners in Ireland was £104 during this year.

During the year four Meetings were held. The Meeting summoned for the 9th of June was not held, because a sufficient number of Members did not attend to form a quorum, but the June Meeting was held on the 4th of July. A list of the attendances of Members is herewith enclosed.

Herewith enclosed is a list of twenty pupils within the prescribed ages, each of whom made not less than one hundred attendances, as a pupil, at the School, on different days during the School year.

Answers to queries contained in Forms No. 3a and 4a were sent, by our Secretary, to the proper quarter in the beginning of this month.

Advertisements appeared in the Press regarding Free Places and the Examinations that were to be held for them. The District Inspector of National Schools conducted the examination at the end of August, 1903. One Free Place was awarded, there being only one candidate qualified.

This Report was read and adopted at a meeting held in Letterkenny on the 23rd September, 1904, and duly sealed.

(Signed).

✠ PATRICK O'DONNELL, Chairman.

CHARLES M'GILLYN, P.P., v.o., Hon. Secretary.

Letterkenny, 23rd September, 1904.

Table showing the Attendances of each Member, for year ended 31st July, 1904.

Meetings were held on	15 Sept. 1903.	8 April, 1904.	4 July, 1904.	9 July, 1904.	Total.
Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell,	1	1	1	—	3
Right Rev. Monsignor M'Fadden,	1	—	1	1	3
Right Rev. Monsignor M'Glynn,	1	—	1	1	3
Very Rev. John Doherty, v.o.,	1	1	—	1	3
Rev. Daniel Stephens, Adm.,	1	—	1	1	3
James Boyle, Esq., Sol.,	1	—	1	1	3
Joseph M'Leone, Esq., J.P.,	1	—	—	—	1
Edward M'Fadden, Esq., M.P.,	1	1	—	—	2
Hugh M'Donnell, Esq., J.P.,	1	—	—	—	1
Total present at each meeting.	9	2	2	3	—

(Signed).

CHARLES M'GILLYN, P.P., v.o., Hon. Secretary.

2nd September, 1904.

The ACCOUNT of the DIOCESEAL ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1903.

Dr.		Cr.	
DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
To Balance as per last Account . . . . .	4 3 0	By Amount of Payments made in the year ended 31st December, 1903, under the following heads:—	
• Amount of Donations, Bequests, and other Endowments received in the year ended 31st December, 1903.	103 0 0	Salaries . . . . .	5 5 0
• Amount of Miscellaneous Receipts in the year ended 31st December, 1903 (not included in the foregoing) viz—Sale of Income Tax for three years.	12 5 5	Educational Expenses . . . . .	5 0 0
		Other Payments, viz—	
		• Arrears of Accounts for two years 1900 and 1901 . . . . .	2 3 0
		Total Payments . . . . .	132 8 0
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1903.	5 9 5
Total . . . . .	159 11 5	Total . . . . .	138 11 5

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.]

✠PATRICK O'DONNELL, Governor.

CHARLES M'GLINCH, F.F., V.G., Hon. Sec., Accounting Officer.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1904.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MATHER, Auditor.

15th day of October, 1904.

## VII.—Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education.

Report for School year ended 1st August, 1904.

The Board reports that it held five meetings during the year, and that the attendance of members was as under:—

	Meetings.		Meetings.
The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Clogher (R. by Deputy)	5	WILLIAM TOLIN, J.P., . . . . .	4
The Very Rev. the Dean of Clogher, . . . . .	4	C. F. FULF, M.A. . . . .	3
Dr. THOMAS, . . . . .	4	Rev. D. J. Doyle, . . . . .	3
W. B. COOPER, J.P., . . . . .	5	Andrew Steele, . . . . .	4
C. F. WATKINS, J.P., . . . . .	5	Edward Archibald, D.L., . . . . .	—

The School Committee also met frequently, and transacted much important business.

The sudden, unexpected, and much lamented death of Dr. Riggs, the late esteemed Head Master of Portora Royal School, was a serious loss to the Institution over which he presided so successfully for 34 years, as well as to his many friends, and to the cause of education generally in Ireland. The prosperity which attended the School during his term of office was uninterrupted, and the Governors had hoped that many more equally fortunate years were in store for it under his wise and skillful management.

Immediately after his decease the Governors met and made arrangements with the teaching staff to carry on the School till the Summer Vacation, and they desire to place on record their appreciation of the loyalty and devotion to the interests of the School shown by all the Assistant Masters during the crisis through which it had to pass.

After careful consideration, the Governors appointed as the late Dr. Riggs' successor, Mr. A. C. MacDonnell, M.A., Head Master of Armagh Royal School, and they anticipate that under his supervision the School here will continue to flourish. They also decided to strengthen the teaching staff at Portora by the appointment of two of his Armagh Assistants—Mr. E. C. Illingworth and Mr. T. B. Lowndes, M.A., and this measure all the more necessary in view of the proposed retirement of Rev. William Hall, M.A., who has been Senior Mathematical Master here for the last thirteen years.

The Governors, having found it necessary to make extensive alterations and improvements in the drainage and general sanitary arrangements of the School, have been carrying out during the past summer works involving an outlay of about £600, but which when completed will be of permanent benefit, and will leave the school in a thoroughly sanitary and up-to-date condition in this respect.

The Board has further reduced the debt on the Portora School Premises by £150 during the year. 65 candidates entered for the Intermediate Examinations, and of these 46 passed, 10 of whom took Honours. Four of these pupils obtained Exhibitions, and one also obtained two Medals and two Composition Prizes. Free Education was given to 10 boys during the year.

Signed and sealed by order of the Board, at its Meeting at Portora Royal School, this 14th day of October, 1904.

A. STUART, Chairman.

C. TERNAN, Member.

E. B. HUMPHREYS, Member.

## THE ACCOUNT OF FERMANAGH PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1903.

Dr.		Cr.	
CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISEMBURSE	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account, . . . . .	90 7 9	By Amount of Payments under the following heads:—	
„ Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, legacies, or other Endowments, . . . . .	603 13 11	Maintenance of Premises, &c., . . . . .	375 25 1
„ Rents, . . . . .	100 18 0	Light and Water, &c., . . . . .	23 23 10
„ Fees, . . . . .	731 1 8	Salaries, . . . . .	4,128 25 4
„ Received by Sales, . . . . .	16 0 0	Prizes, . . . . .	10 0 0
„ Miscellaneous Receipts, viz:—		Other Payments, viz:—	
„ Under Bank (Limited) Interest on Account Current, . . . . .	£ s. d.	Reductions of Debt on Portion Royal School Premises, . . . . .	500 6 0
	3 12 5	Postage & Stationery, . . . . .	1 12 0
		Total Payments, . . . . .	—
Total, . . . . .	1,538 11 9	Balance per Bank Book	£ s. d.
		Do „ Accounting Officer's	129 18 6
		Books, . . . . .	—
		Deductions unpaid Dividends, . . . . .	129 18 6
		Salaries in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1903, . . . . .	55 15 4
		Total, . . . . .	—
			1,538 11 9

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal]

CHARLES F. CLOONEY, Governor.

S. C. MITCHELL, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1904.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, Auditor

20th day of February, 1904.

## VIII. Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

Report of the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education for the year ended 1st August, 1904.

The Fermanagh Catholic Board of Education beg to submit the following as their Report for the Year ended 1st August, 1904.

Six meetings of the Board were held during the year: four ordinary and two special meetings. These meetings were as follows:—

1st Meeting (Ordinary),	24th September, 1903, held at Monaghan.
2nd „ (Ordinary),	11th December, 1903, held at Enniskillen.
3rd „ (Special),	22nd December, 1903, held at Monaghan.
4th „ (Special),	29th February, 1904, held at Enniskillen.
5th „ (Ordinary),	21st March, 1904, held at Monaghan.
6th „ (Ordinary),	7th June, 1904, held at Enniskillen.

Table showing the Attendance of each Member:—

Members of Board.	Number of Attendance.	Members of Board.	Number of Attendance.
Most Rev. Richard Owens (Chairman), . . . . .	3	Very Rev. Canon O'Connor (co-opted 7th June, '04)	—
Right Rev. Monsignor Scallan (Vice-Chairman), . . . . .	4	Hugh B. Lindsay, Esq., J.P., . . . . .	2
Very Rev. Monsignor Morgan (Honorary Sec.), . . . . .	—	Patrick Cronin, Esq., J.P., . . . . .	3
Very Rev. Canon O'Neill, . . . . .	5	Charles E. Keenan, Esq. (co-opted 11th Dec, '03)	3
Very Rev. Canon Smyth, . . . . .	3	David Charles Roche, Esq., B.A. (Hon. Sec.), . . . . .	4

Very Rev. Canon McQuaid was co-opted a member of the Board in place of Very Rev. Monsignor Morgan, deceased, but refused to act owing, as he stated, to his inability to attend the meetings, and Very Rev. Daniel Canon O'Connor, M.A., F.R., was co-opted in his stead. Daniel X. Keenan, Esq., Solicitor, was co-opted in place of Patrick Rafferty, Esq., J.P., who was disqualified by reason of non-attendance and non-residence.

On 24th September, 1903, the Board adopted and placed under their control and management St. Michael's School, Enniskillen. Rev. D. A. Noonan was appointed Head Master, and a School Committee was formed to provide for the management. The Most Rev. B. Owens, D.D., was re-elected Commissioner of Education at a quarterly meeting held on 11th December, 1903.

*St. Macartin's Seminary.*—Rev. Thomas O'Doherty was appointed Head Master in succession to Very Rev. Edward Mulhern, D.D., who has been transferred to the pastoral charge of the parish of Innismacmartin. The Board wish to put on record their high sense of the services rendered by Dr. Mulhern during his term as Head Master of St. Macartin's.

Rev. Laurence Murray was appointed an additional member of the Teaching Staff.

*School Committee.*—The members at present are Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Rev. Thomas O'Doherty, Rev. Eugene M'Adam, and Rev. Cornelius Tierney.

*Free Place Examination.*—At the Annual Competitive Examination for Free Places fourteen candidates presented themselves. The Examiner—Rev. P. Keown, A.M., reports:—"The Examination was most satisfactory; six candidates scored over 60 per cent and eight over 50 per cent. The answering in mathematics of the better candidates was highly creditable, while in the prescribed text-book—Washington Irving: Selected Essays—it was somewhat weak." The places offered for competition were duly awarded.

*School Roll.*—The number of pupils was 85, one being a day pupil. 57 of these were eligible by age to enter for the Intermediate Examination; but of these two left before the Examination.

Result of Intermediate Examination:—

Number presented	...	...	55
" passed	...	...	44
" passed with Honours	...	...	31

List of Honours gained by the pupils:—

Senior Grade:

Exhibition—Experimental Science Course,	...	B. M'Manus.
Medal and First Place in Irish,	...	T. M'Kinney.
Medal and First Place in Physiology and Hygiene,	...	T. Duffy.
First Class Composition Prize in Irish	...	T. M'Kinney.

Middle Grade:

Exhibition—Modern Literary Course,	...	B. G. Davis.
Exhibition—Experimental Science Course,	...	W. J. Davis.
Medal and First Place in Physiology and Hygiene,	...	J. Timmins.
First Class Prize, Modern Literary Course	...	J. Timmins.
First " " " " "	...	J. Nolan.
Third " " " " "	...	C. Bryson.

Junior Grade:

Exhibition—Experimental Science Course	...	J. P. Gannon.
" " " " "	...	J. Irvine.
" " Modern Literary Course	...	M. C. Maguire.
" " " " "	...	John Munnane.
First Class Prize, " " "	...	J. Keirna.
Second " Mathematical Course,	...	J. M'Inerbeney.
Second " " " "	...	P. Murphy.

Preparatory Grade:

Special Prize for Excellence in Greek,	...	Jas. Munnane.
" " " " "	...	P. M'Kinney.

### St. Michael's Intermediate School, Enniskillen.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 1st AUGUST, 1904.

*School Committee.*—Most Rev. Richard Owens, D.D., Lord Bishop of Clogher, Chairman; Right Rev. Monsignor Sullivan, D.D., V.G., Vice-Chairman; Hugh R. Lindsay, Esq., J.P.; Patrick Cranley, Esq., J.P.; Rev. D. A. Noonan, Secretary.

The School Committee met on two occasions, 5th October and 16th November, 1903.

The Examination for Free Places was held on 24th June last. Only one candidate completed, and the Examiner considering his answering as satisfactory, awarded him a place. The Rev. John Tierney, D.D., acted as Examiner.

The number of students, within the prescribed ages, on the School-roll of St. Michael's for 1903, was twenty-eight. Twenty-two were presented at the Intermediate Examinations. Of these, twenty passed. A correct copy of the last audited Account for the year ended 31st December, 1903, is sent herewith.

Adopted at a Special Meeting of the Board held in St. Michael's School, Enniskillen, on the 5th October, 1904.

Signed,

✠ RICHARD OWENS, Chairman.

DENNIS CAROLAN RUSSELL, Hon. Secretary.

**The Account of the FERRARON ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1903.**

Dr.	1903.	Cr.
CREDIT.	£ s d.	DISBURSE
To Balance as per last Account . . . . .	100 1 4	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—
Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments . . . . .	1005 5 0	Salaries, . . . . .
Dividends (Interest), allowed on account . . . . .	5 7 3	Maintenance of Resident Staff, . . . . .
		Educational Expenses, . . . . .
		Travels, . . . . .
		Other Payments, viz. —
		Postage, &c., . . . . .
		Audit Fee, . . . . .
		Advertisements, . . . . .
		Roadway Carriage, . . . . .
		Total Payments, . . . . .
		Balance, per Bank Book, . . . . .
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1903, . . . . .
Total, . . . . .	£ 1,105 13 7	Total, . . . . .

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.]      **THOMAS SMOLLEN, F.F.,** Chairman.  
**DONALD CARROLL BAKER, Hon. Secretary.**  
 Dated this 21st day of March, 1904.  
 I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.  
 24th day of June, 1904.      **J. F. MATTHEW, Auditor.**

**IX.—Tyrene Protestant Board of Education.**

Royal School, Dungannon,  
 14th September 22nd, 1904.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

The Tyrene Protestant Board of Education have the honour to submit the following Report of their proceedings for year ending July 31st, 1904.

The constitution of the Board remains unchanged.

Three meetings have been held during the year.

The buildings have been maintained in good order.

Nine candidates entered for the Free Place Examination.

Attached is given detailed account for year ending 31st December, 1903, also statement of successes gained by pupils of the school.

We have the honour to be,

Your obedient servants,

**GEORGE H. BURGESS, Chairman.**

**JOHN W. LEBRODY, Hon. Secretary.**

**ROYAL SCHOOL, DUNGANNON.—INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION, 1904.**

**EXAMINATIONS.**

Abbott, H. H. B.—Exhibition of £35—Middle Grade.

Johnston, J.—Exhibition of £20—Junior Grade.

Knight, W. L. C.—Exhibition of £20—Junior Grade.

Campbell, T. F.—Exhibition of £10—Junior Grade.

**BOSE PRIZES.**

Hamilton, J. O.—Prize value £2—Senior Grade.

**COMPOSITION PRIZES.**

Knight, W. L. C.—English Composition Prize of £2—Junior Grade.

Knight, W. L. C.—German Composition Prize of £2—Junior Grade.

**SPECIAL PRIZES FOR GERMAN.**

Knight, W. L. C.—Prize of £3—Middle Grade.

Warnock, R.—Prize of £3—Preparatory Grade.

Barper, E. M.—Prize of £2—Preparatory Grade.

**BURKE MEMORIAL PRIZE.**

Johnston, J.—Prize value £13 5s. 9d.—Junior Grade.



## THE ACCOUNT OF TYRONE PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1903.

Dr.				Cr.					
CHARGE.		£	s.	d.	DISBURSEMENT.		£	s.	d.
To Balance as per last Account, . . . . .		12	6	7	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—				
• Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments, . . . . .		794	13	0	Maintenance of Pension, &c., . . . . .		573	13	0
• Dividends, . . . . .		14	17	10	Rents and Taxes, &c., . . . . .		67	12	1
• Realised by Sales, . . . . .		2	8	0	Salaries, . . . . .		390	4	9
• Balance against this Account, . . . . .		213	16	4	Educational Expenses, . . . . .		6	6	6
					Prizes, . . . . .		15	0	0
					Other Payments, viz.:—				
					Archbishop's Fee, . . . . .		30	5	5
					Interest on Overdraft, . . . . .		3	14	5
					Auditor's Fee, . . . . .		2	5	0
					Interest on Overdraft, . . . . .		3	11	5
Total, . . . . .		1,042	19	5	Total, . . . . .		1,015	29	5

N.B.—Beside the above balance there are sums standing to the credit of this Account in the following Securities:— $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent Consols, £900.

We certify that the above is a true Account.

JAMES DICKSON, Governor.

JOHN W. LERBODY, Accounting Officer.

Dated this 1st day of September, 1904.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MATHE, Auditor.

8th day of September, 1904.

## X. Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.

REPORT for the Year ended 1st August, 1904.

Meetings were held—

- |                                    |                               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Tuesday, 18th August, 1903.     | 4. Tuesday, 29th March, 1904. |
| 2. Thursday, 24th September, 1903. | 5. Thursday, 16th June, 1904. |
| 3. Thursday, 16th December, 1903.  | 6. Thursday, 14th July, 1904. |

Chairman.—Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, F.F., V.G., Dungannon, Dean of Armagh.

Vice-Chairman.—Very Rev. John Joseph, Canon McCann, F.F., Donaghmore.

Honorary Secretary.—Henry Toball, J.P., Moy, Co. Tyrone.

Treasurer.—The Provincial Bank of Ireland, Dungannon.

Committee of Education elected.—Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Byrne, F.F., V.G., Dungannon.

Estates Committee.—Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, F.F., V.G., Wm. J. Reynolds, Esq., Solicitor, Henry Toball, J.P.

School Committee.—Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Byrne, Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, Very Rev. J. J. Canon McCann, W. J. Reynolds, Esq., Solicitor, and Henry Toball, J.P.

At the Intermediate Examinations of this year 43 pupils were examined and 26 passed, being a considerable falling off from the previous year, when 36 passed.

Offering considerable educational facilities and attractions, we regret the scarcity of capable pupils to take advantage of them.

Only eight pupils presented themselves for the Free Place Examination, held under Section 59. The Examination Papers were set by Mr. Morgan, Inspector of National Schools, who also examined the answers. Two Boys and two Girls were given Free Places, although the answering was not much over 50 per cent.

A list of the meetings held during the School year, with the attendance of Members thereof, is appended.

A copy of the Audited Account for the year 1903 is enclosed herewith.

P. J. BYRNE, Chairman.

HENRY TOBALL, Hon. Sec.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1904.

Meetings held during the School Year, ended 1st August, 1904.

Names of the Members	18th Nov. 1902.	16th Sept. 1903.	16th Dec. 1903.	15th March. 1904.	10th June. 1904.	14th July. 1904.	Total Attendance of each Member.
1. Most Rev. John E. O'Donnell, B.D., Derry, Lord Bishop of Derry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Byrne, Dungannon.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
3. Right Rev. Monsignor McNamee, B.D., N.P., Omagh.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
4. Very Rev. Thomas Cateson Ross, P.P., N.P., Cookstown.	-	1	-	1	-	1	3
5. Very Rev. J.E. Cateson McQuinn, P.P., Dungannon.	1	1	-	1	1	1	4
6. Wm. J. Reynolds, Esq., Solicitor, Dungannon.	1	1	1	1	1	-	5
7. John Maguire, Esq., J.P., Briminstown.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Daniel Mackrell, Esq., Omagh.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Henry Tinkill, Esq., May.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Number of Members at each Meeting.	4	3	3	5	4	3	-

The ACCOUNT of the TYRONE ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1903

Dr.			Cr.	
CLEARING,		\$ & c.	DEBITED,	
			\$ & c.	\$ & c.
To Balance as per last Account,		37 28 9	By Amount of Payments under the following headings:—	
„ Dividends,		22 15 9	Maintenance of Docks, &c.,	256 7 9
„ Rents,		400 9 0	Moat and Taxes, &c.,	50 6 9
„ Fees,		365 18 4	Reliefs,	622 8 8
			Administrative Expenses,	40 18 0
			Provisions,	85 2 1
			Other Payments, viz.—	
			Gas Light,	8 3 0
			Coal,	6 19 8
			Fire and Coke,	2 15 6
			George Dock,	8 4
			Amalgam,	8 12 0
			Interest on Bank,	2 8 0
			Arbitration,	2 1 0
			Total Payment,	—
			Balance per Bank Book,	49 20 4
			Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1865,	—
Total,		922 8 1	Total,	922 8 1

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Rev.]

P. J. BYRNE, *Contract*

HENRY TORRALL, Accounting Officer

Dated this 15th day of December, 1964.

I certify that the foregoing account is correct.

15th day of December, 1904.

WILLIAM FOLKE, Auditor.

I certify this is a true copy.

HENRY TONALE, *Now Secretary.*

DUBLIN CASTLE,

14th April, 1905.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year 1904.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), J. B. DOUGHERTY.

The Secretary,

The Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

6, Grafton-street, Dublin.





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